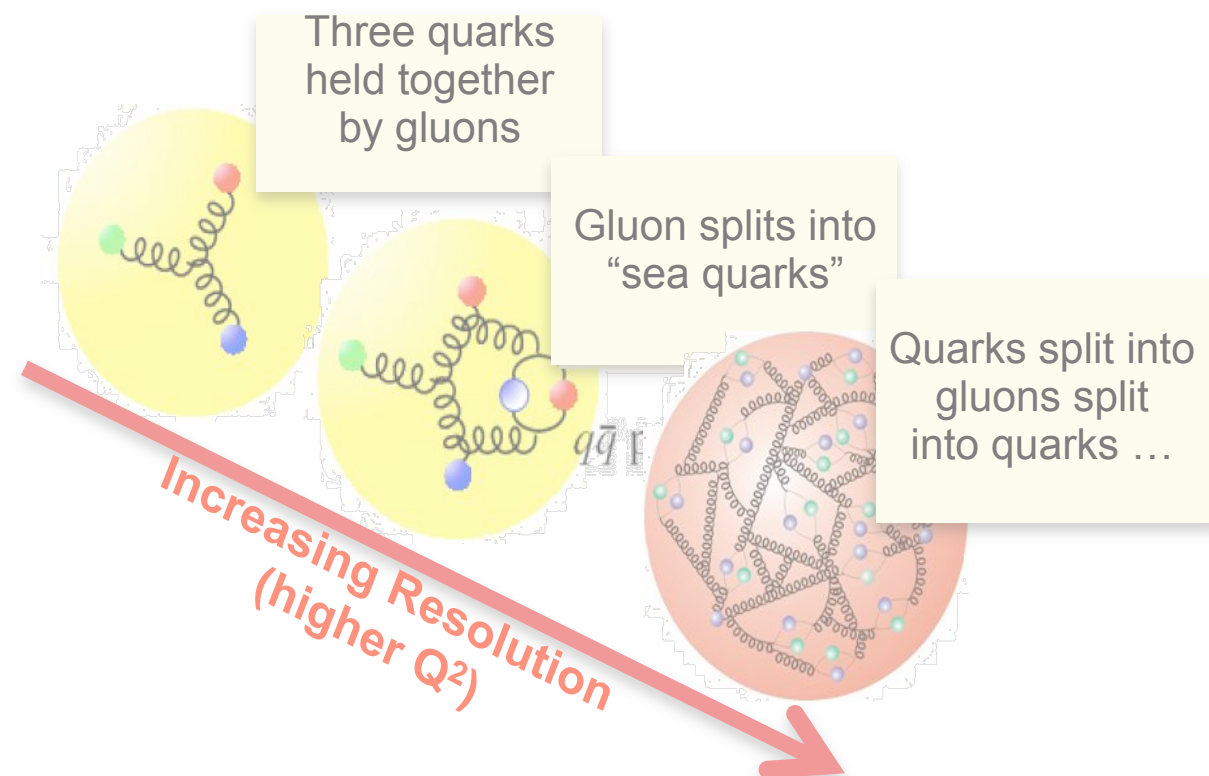
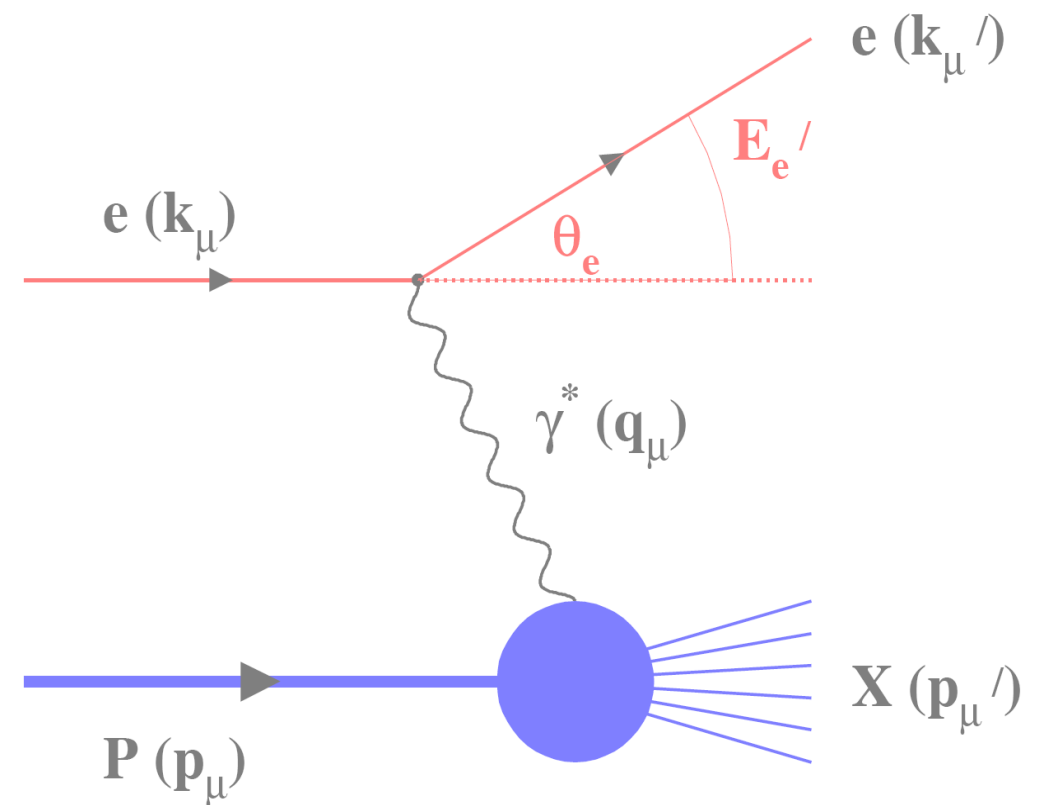


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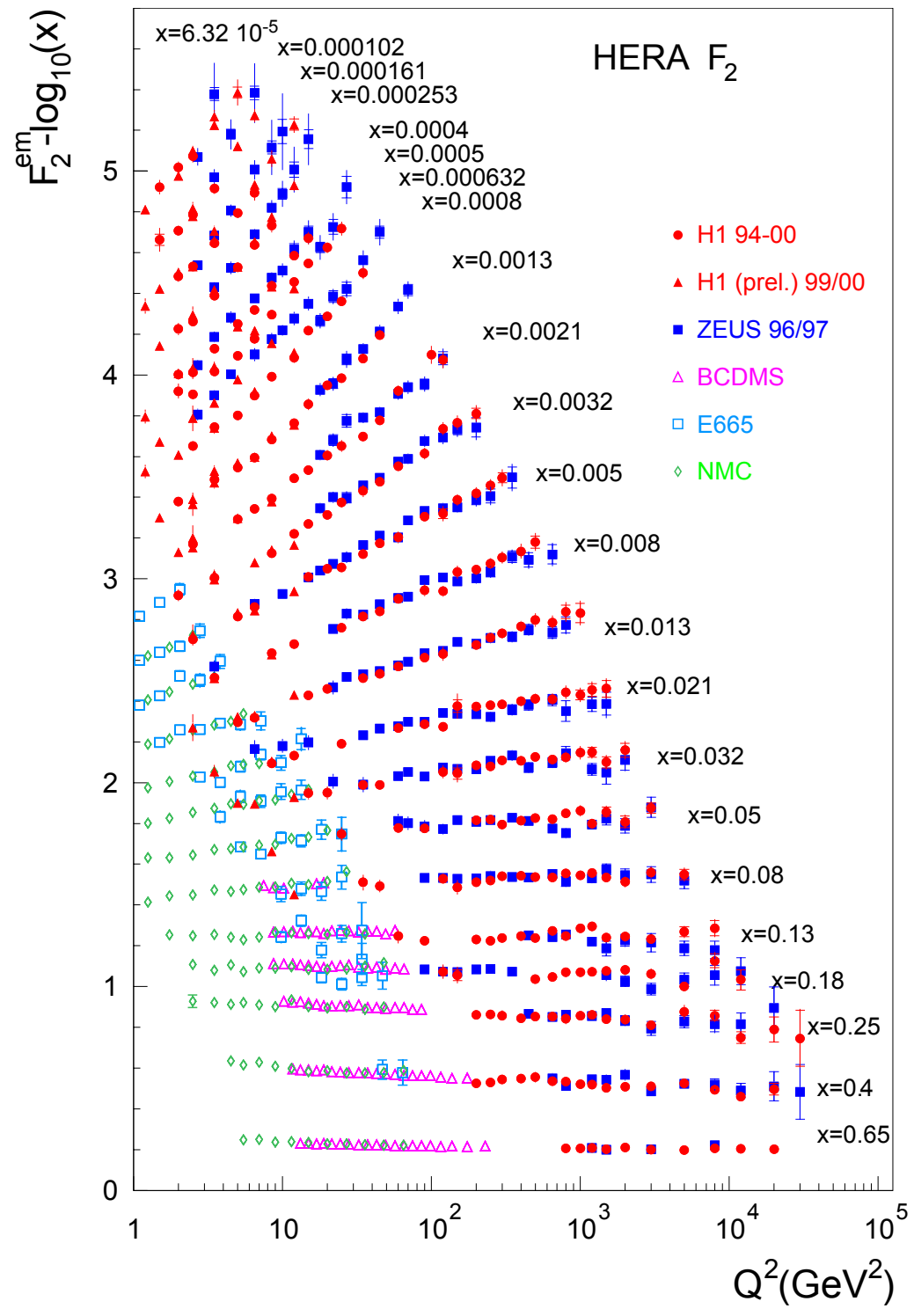


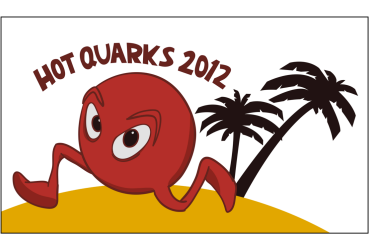
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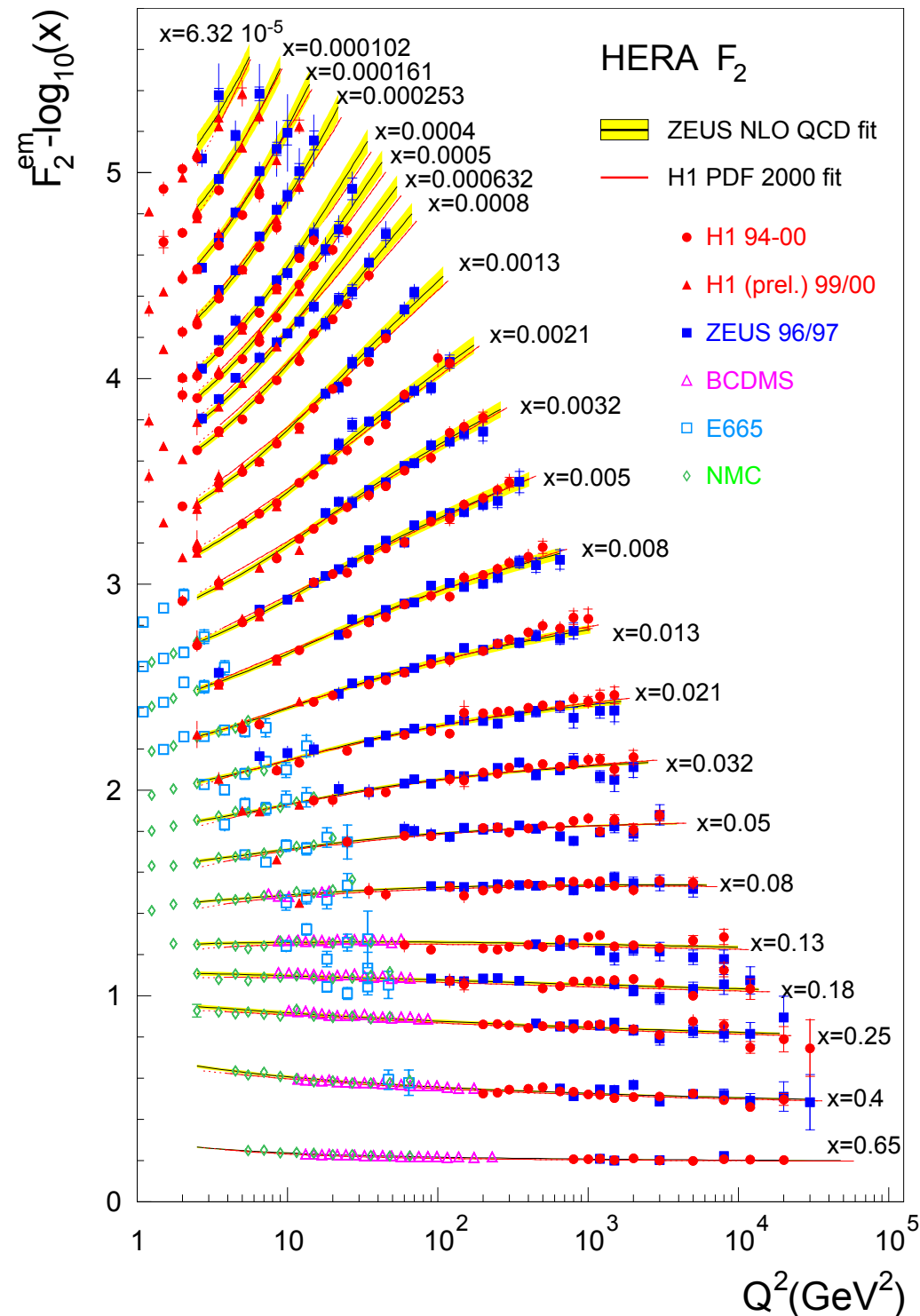
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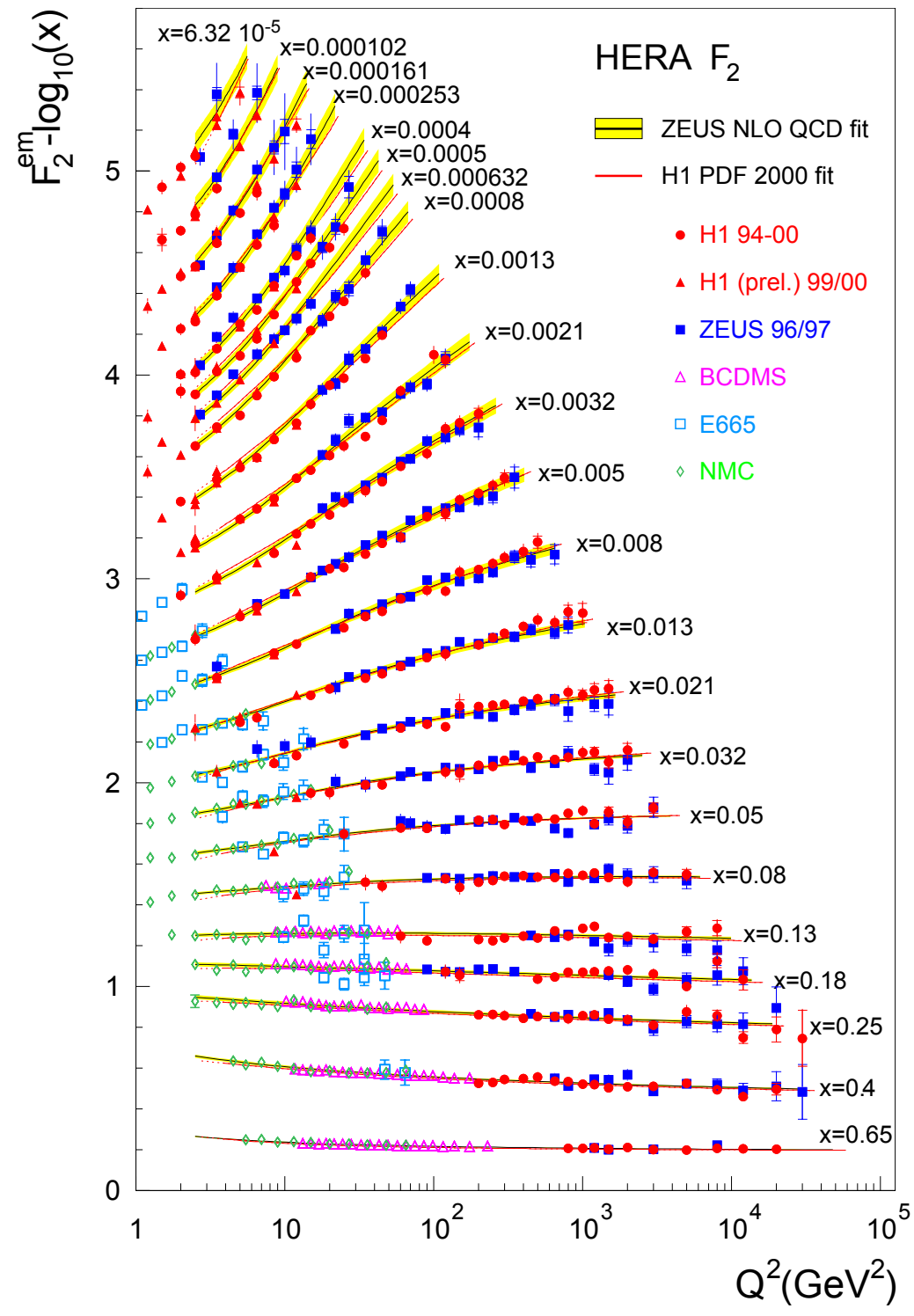


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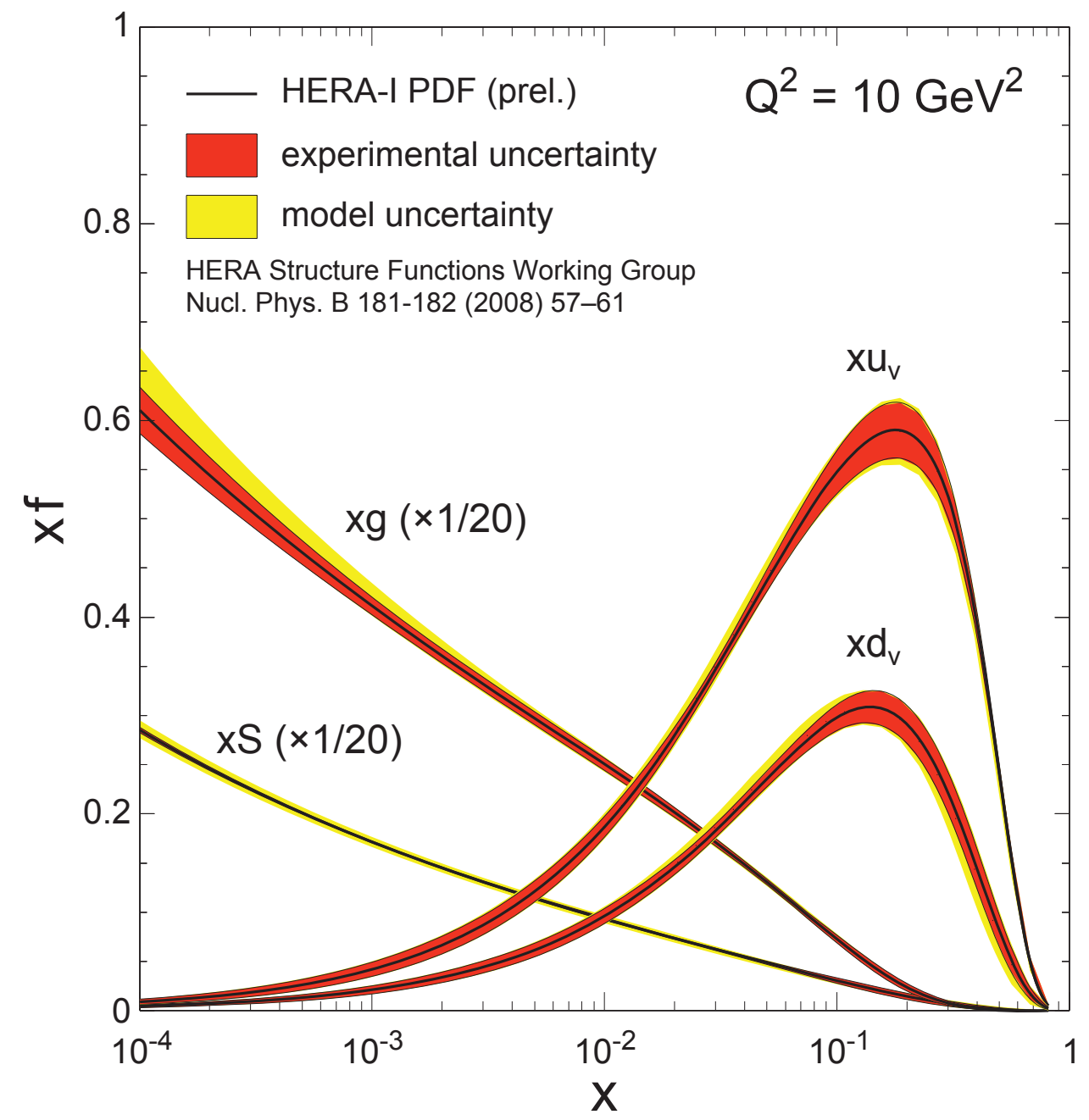


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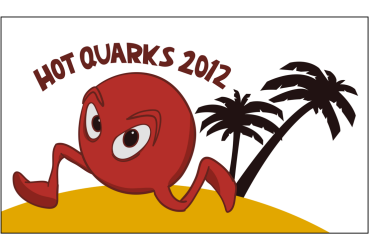
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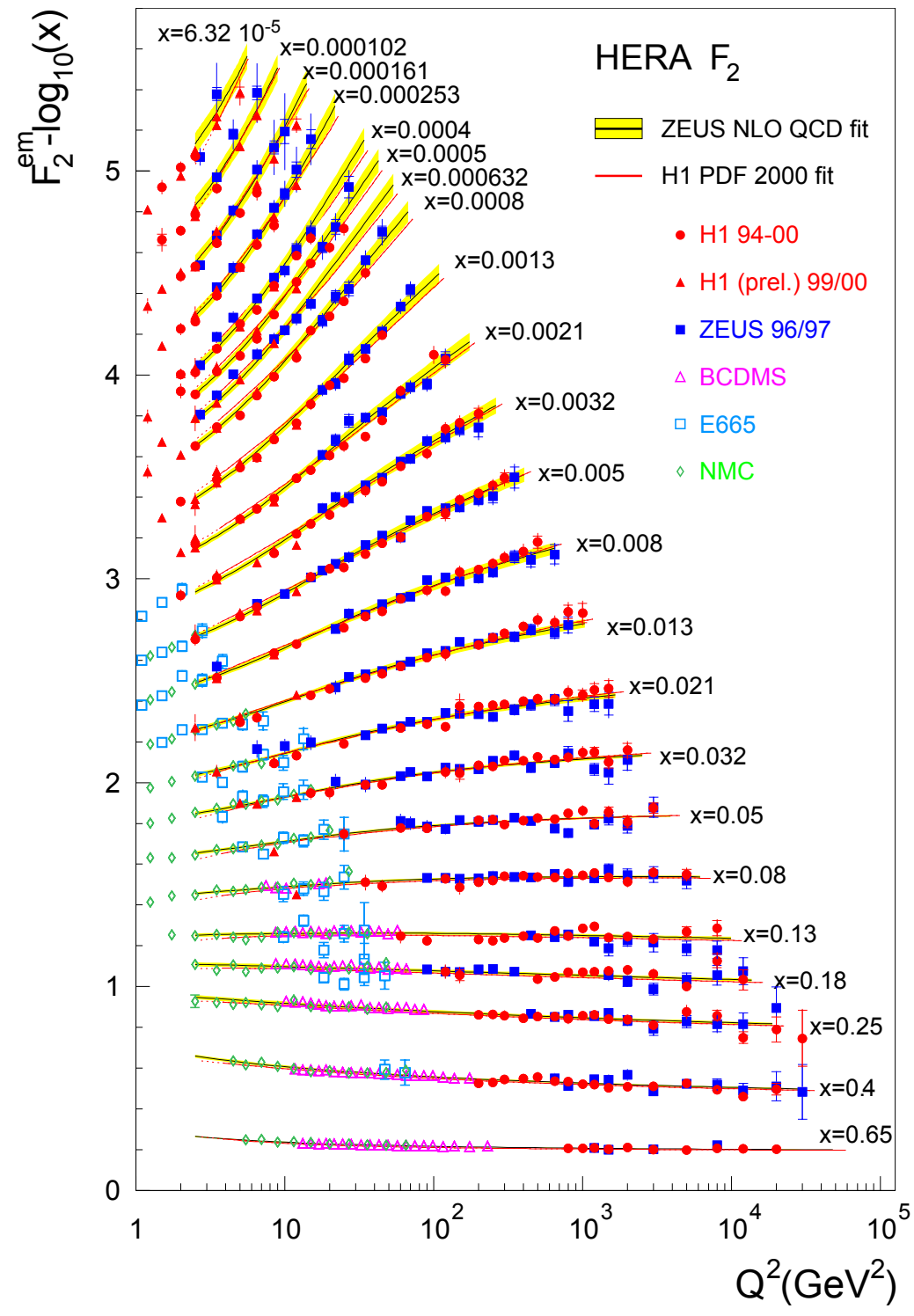




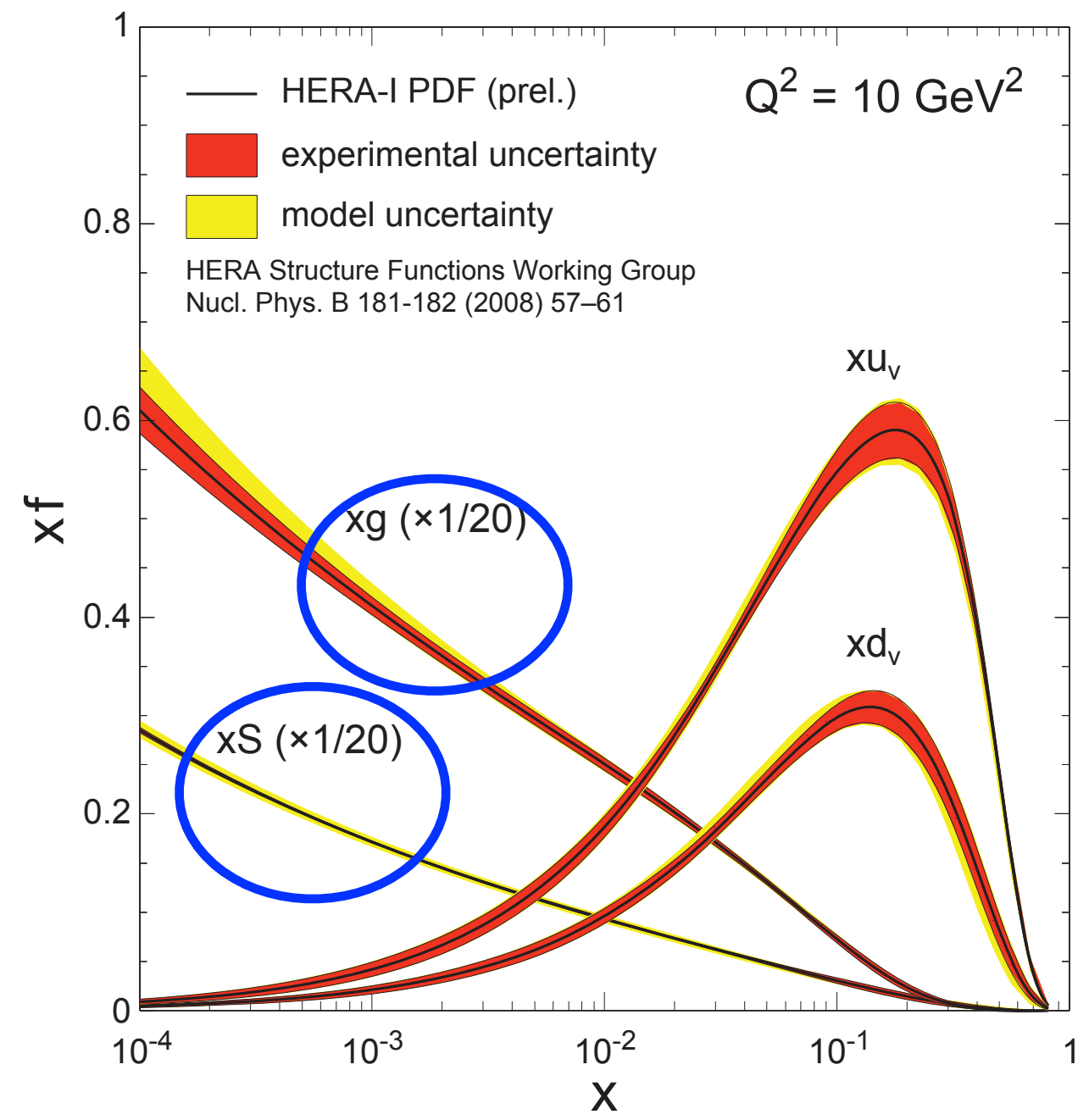


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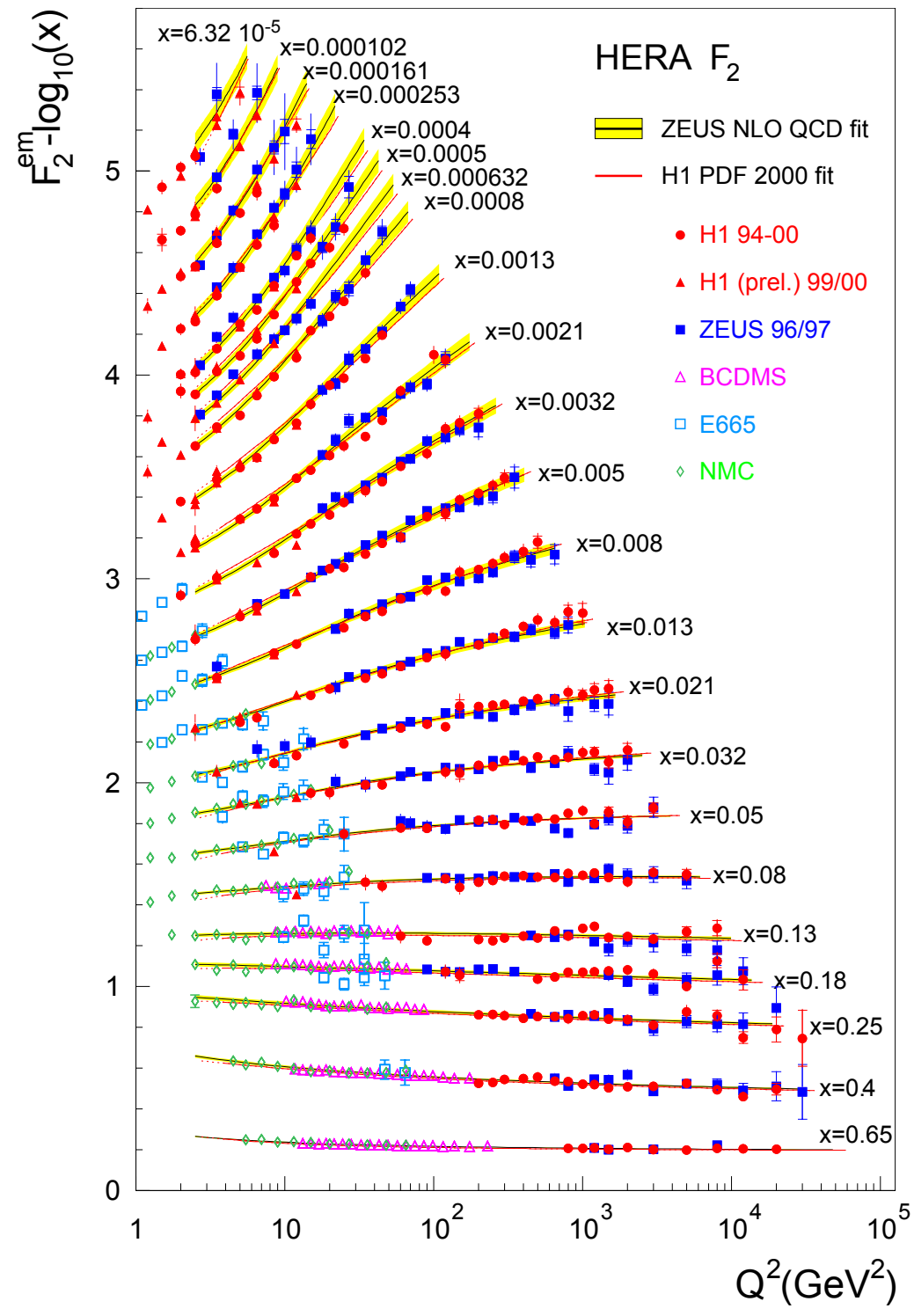
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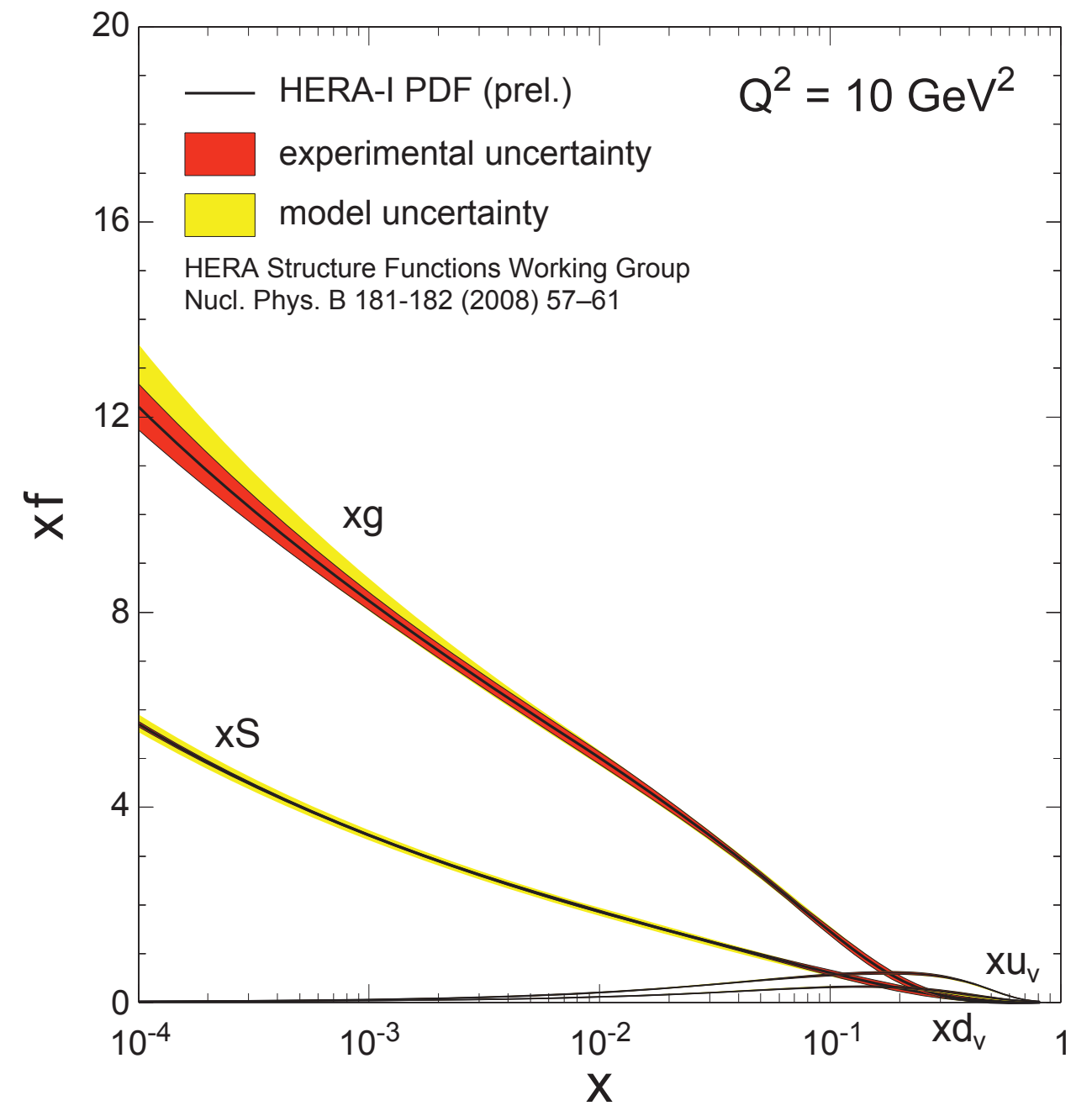


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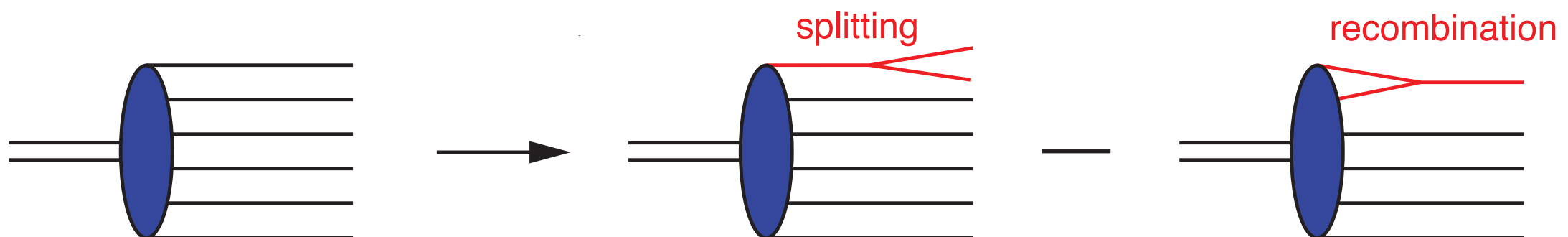
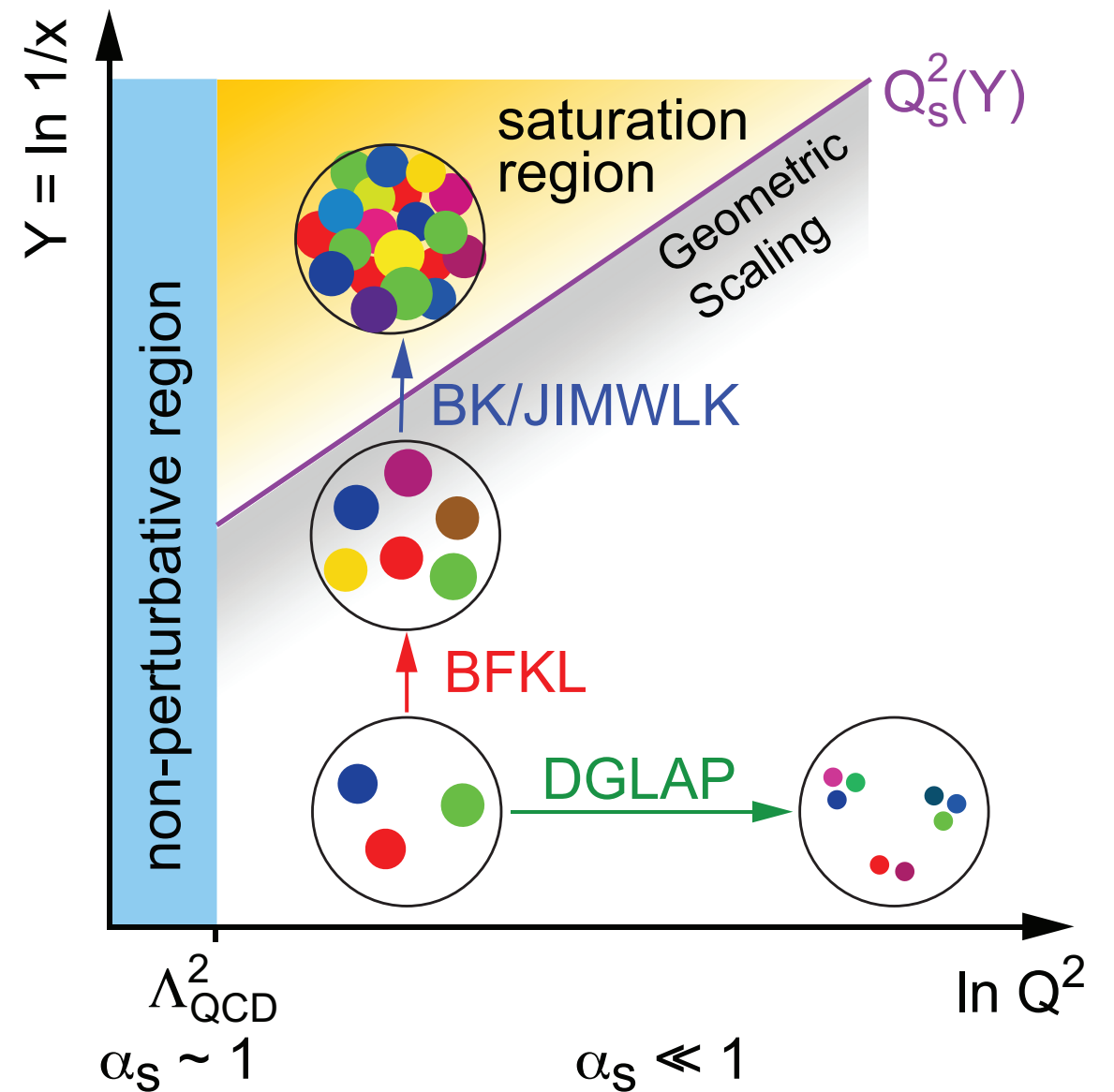
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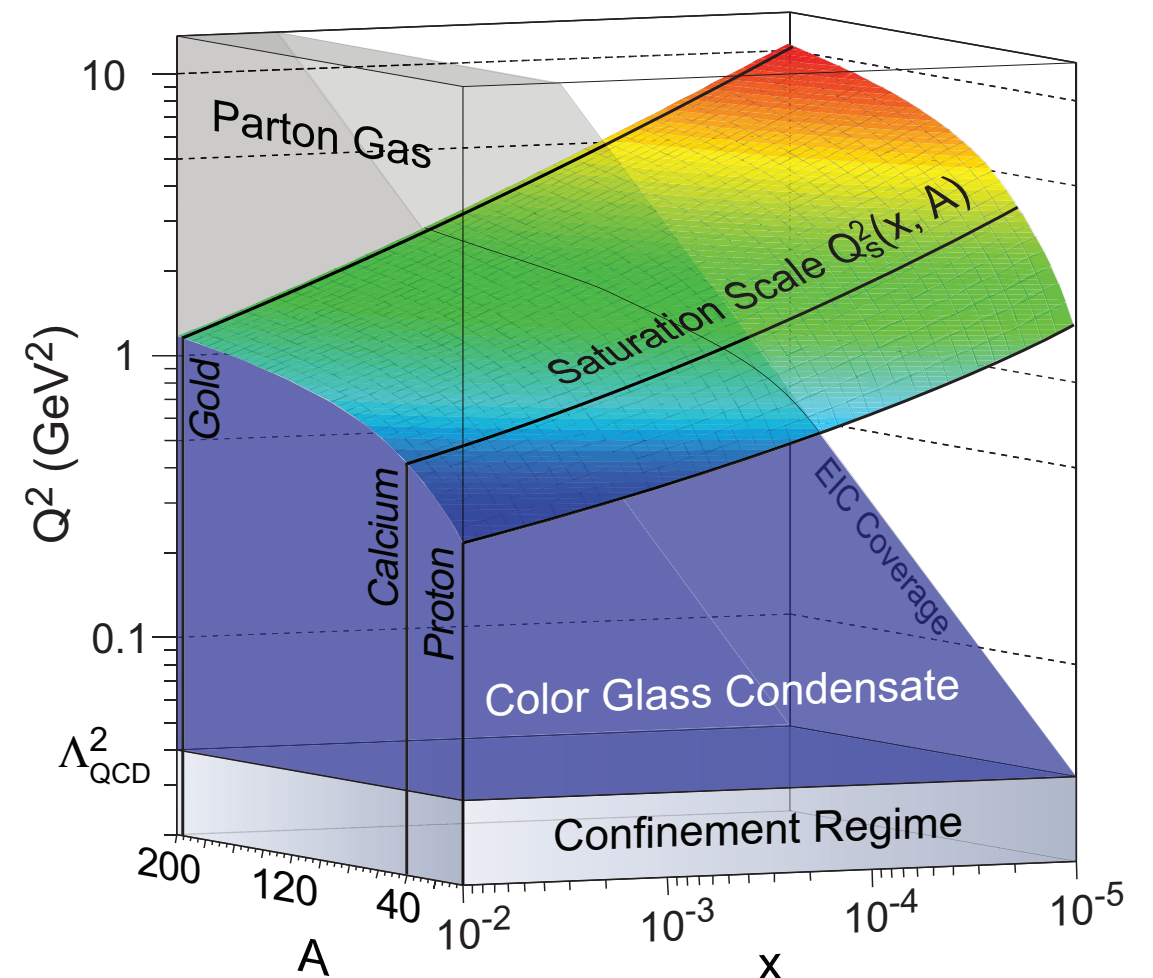
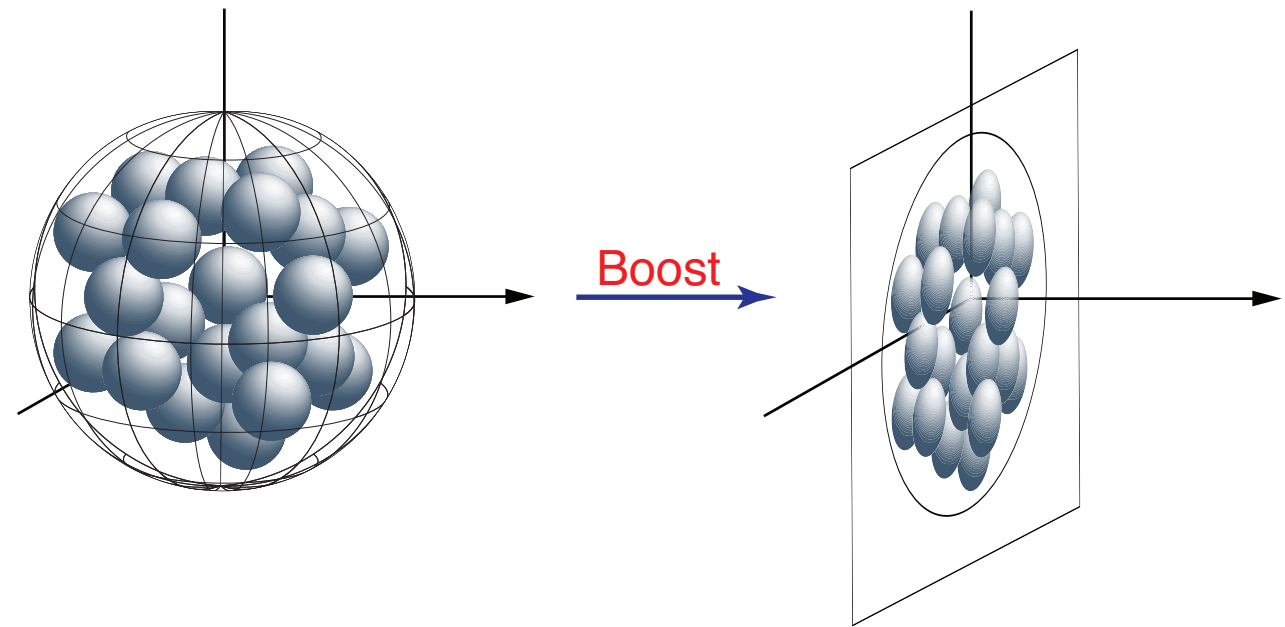
- As we go higher in energy (larger values of  $1/x$ ) we move away from the *linear BFKL* regime to the *non-linear BK/JIMWLK* realm
- Take advantage of the fact that gluons are self-interacting
  - ➔ Not only can we have gluon splitting, but also recombination
    - ▶ Tame the explosive growth of the gluon density in the nucleon observed from fitting HERA data





# Nuclear “oomph” effect

- When we accelerate the nucleus to high energy, we give it a Lorentz boost
  - Incoming probe interacts coherently with all of the nucleons in the nucleus
- ➔  $Q_s$  is given a boost simply by the geometry of the collision system

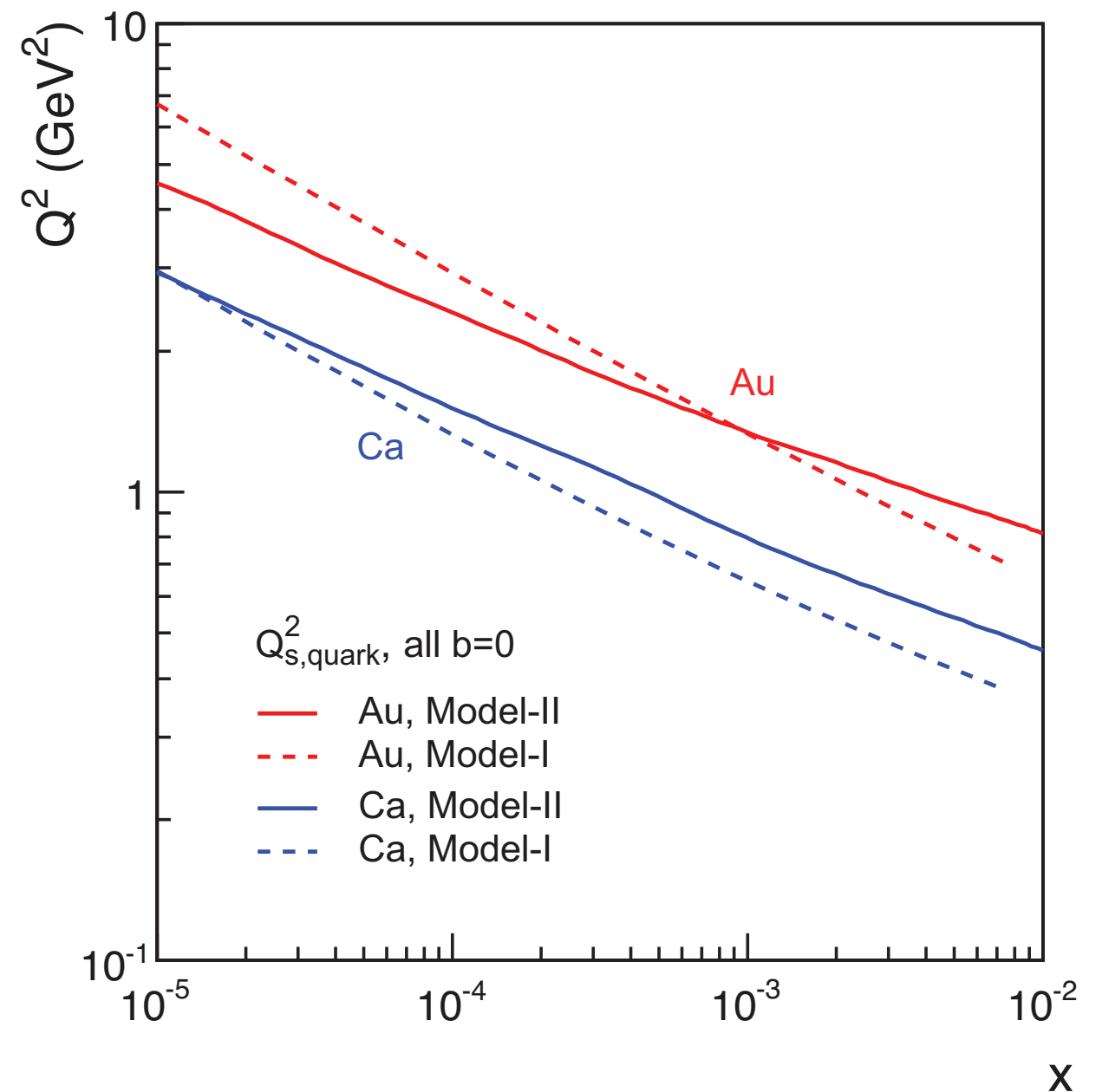
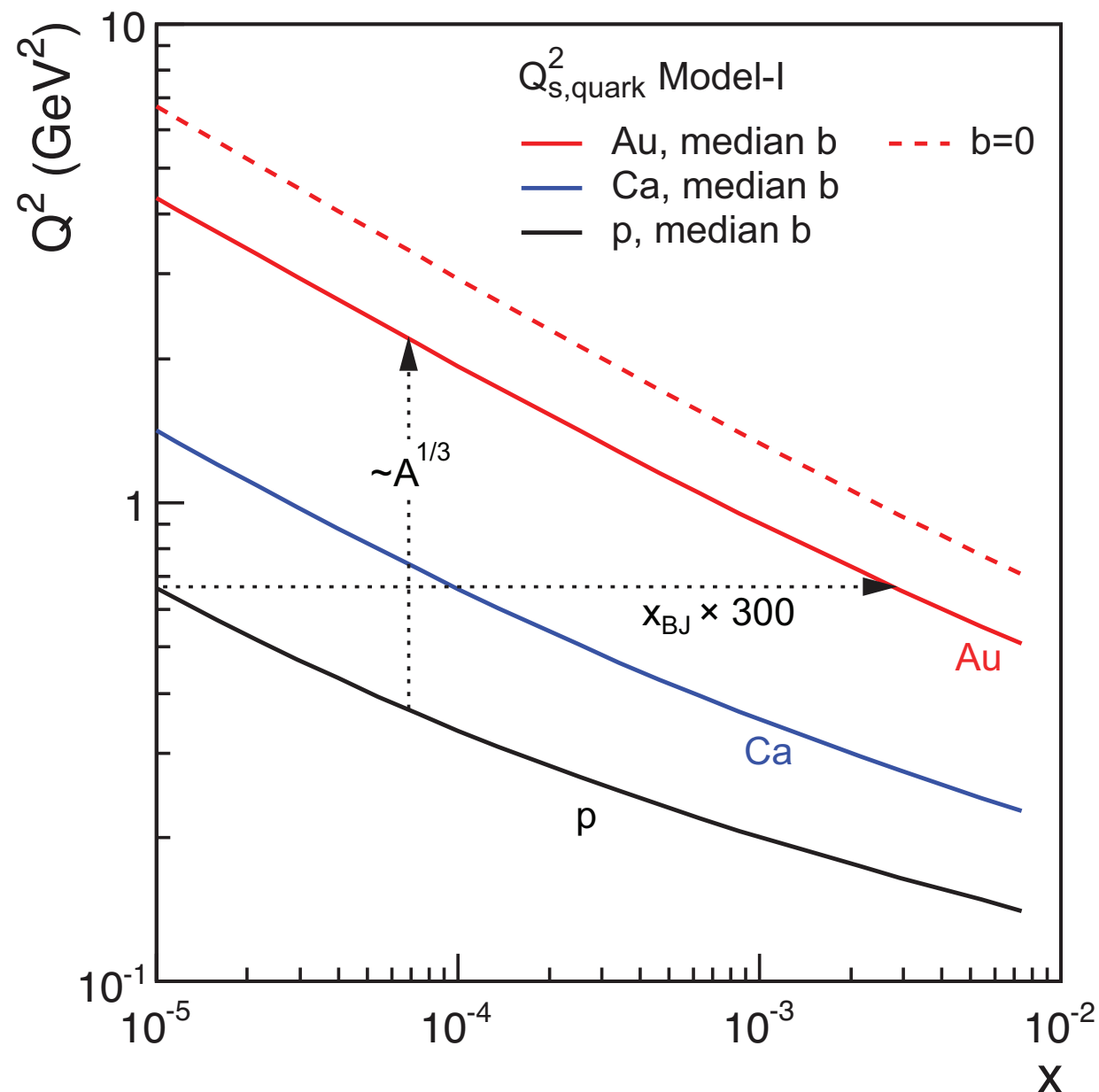


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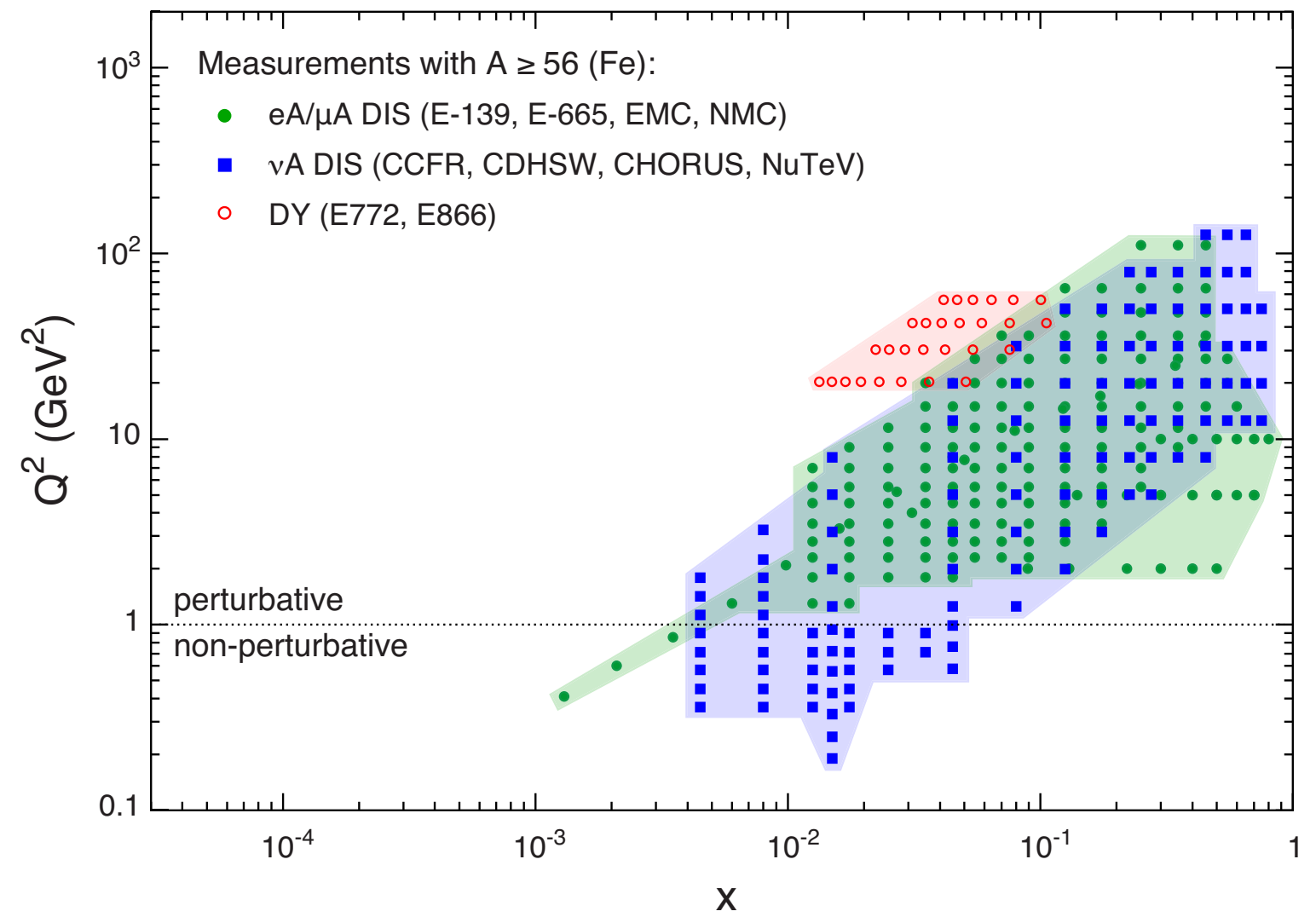
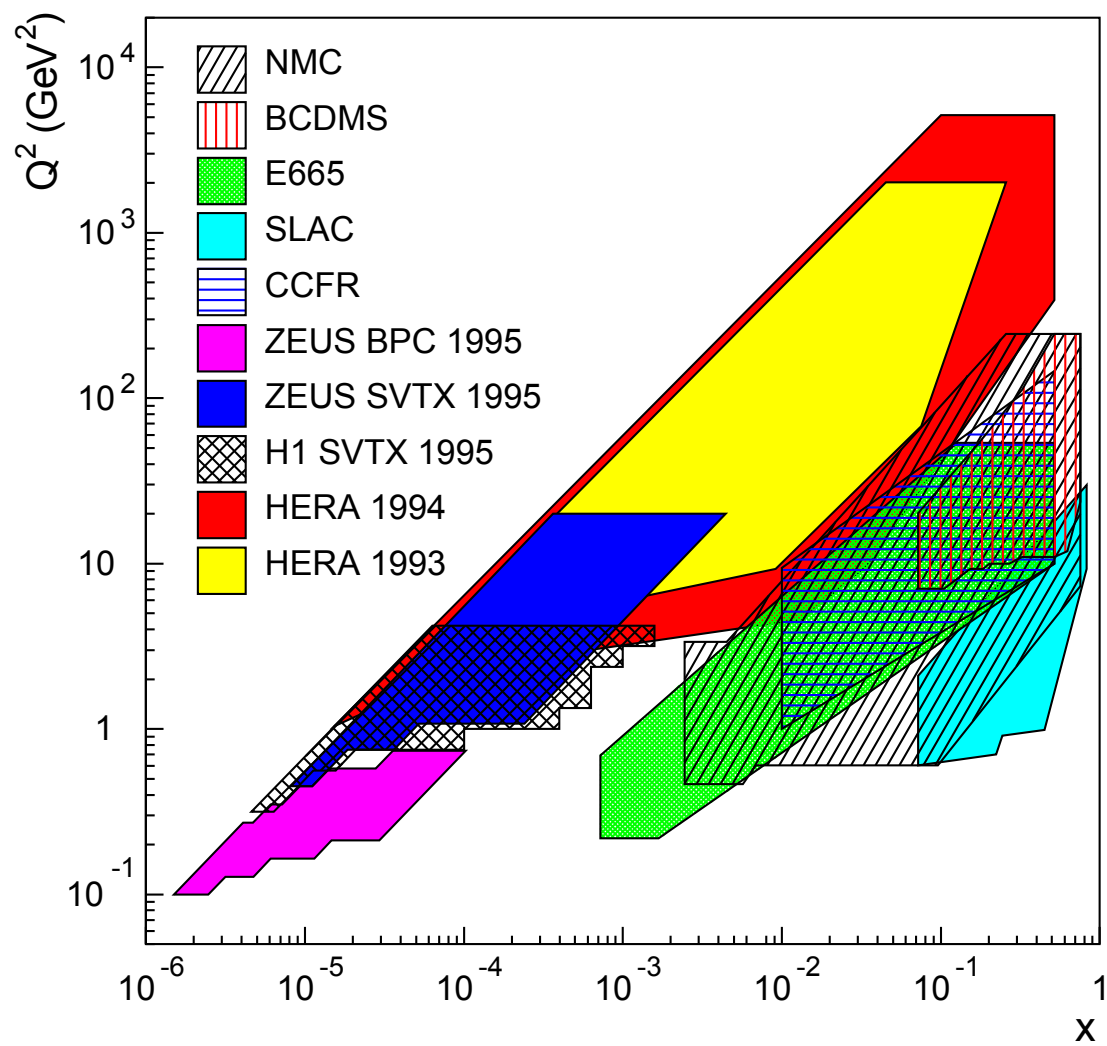
Pocket formula:  $Q_s^2(x) \sim A^{1/3} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)^\lambda \sim \left( \frac{A}{x} \right)^{1/3}$







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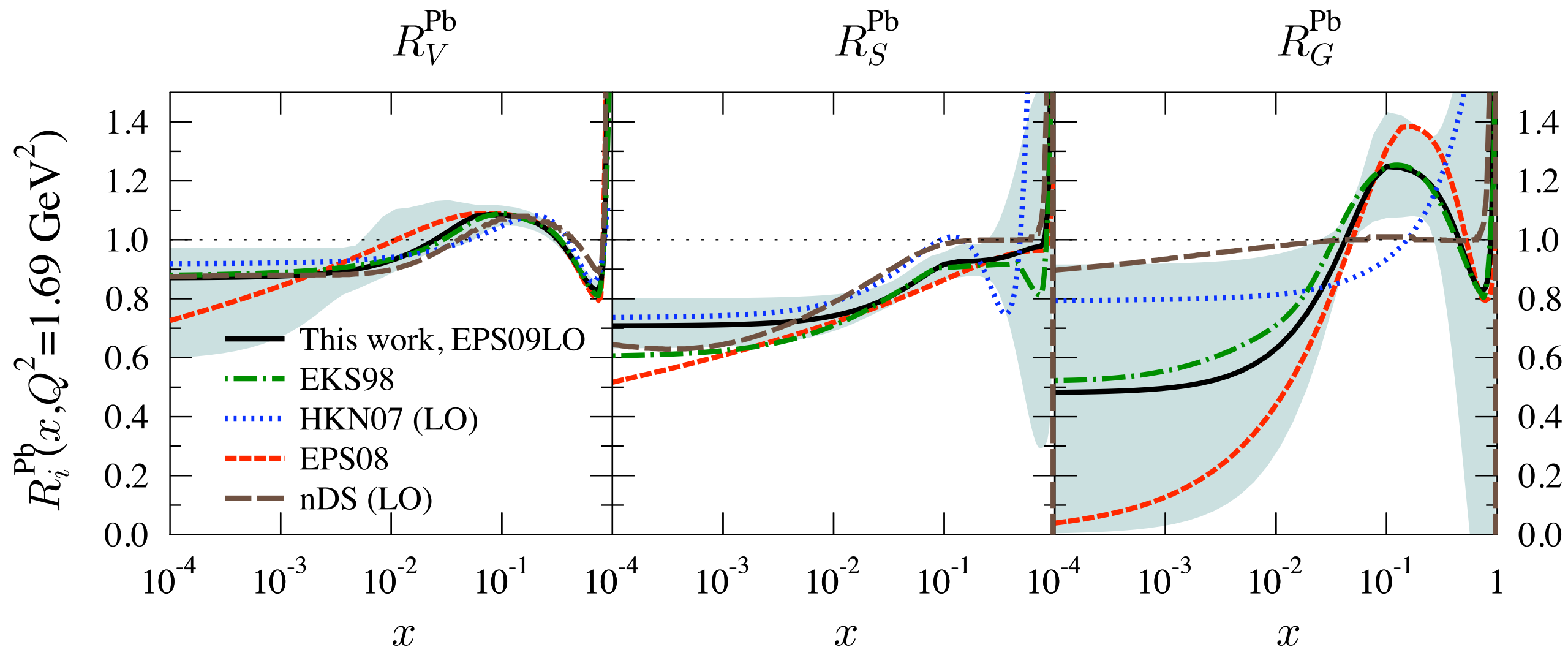


- e+p data covers large part of phase space
  - ➔ low x and large  $Q^2$
- e+A data only a small fraction of this (e+A was a fixed target programme at HERA)
  - ➔ high-medium x and low  $Q^2$





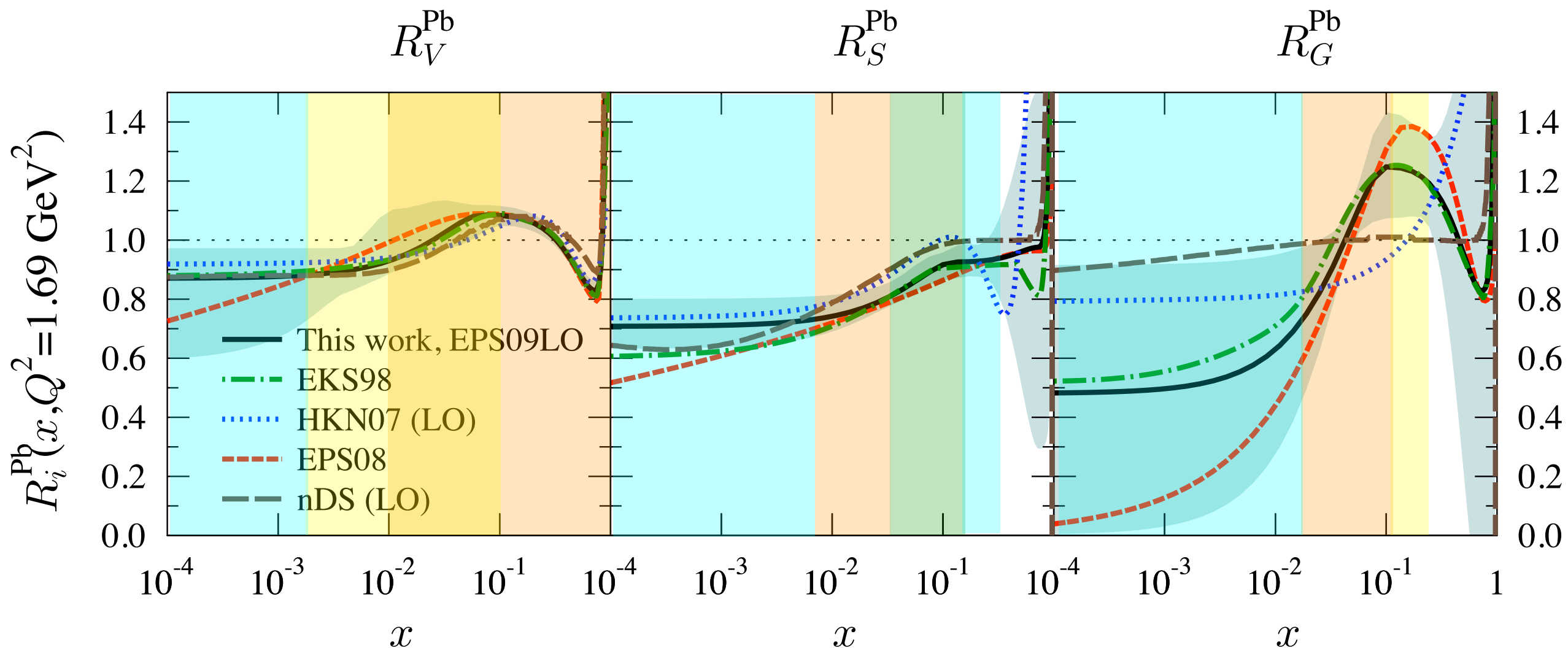
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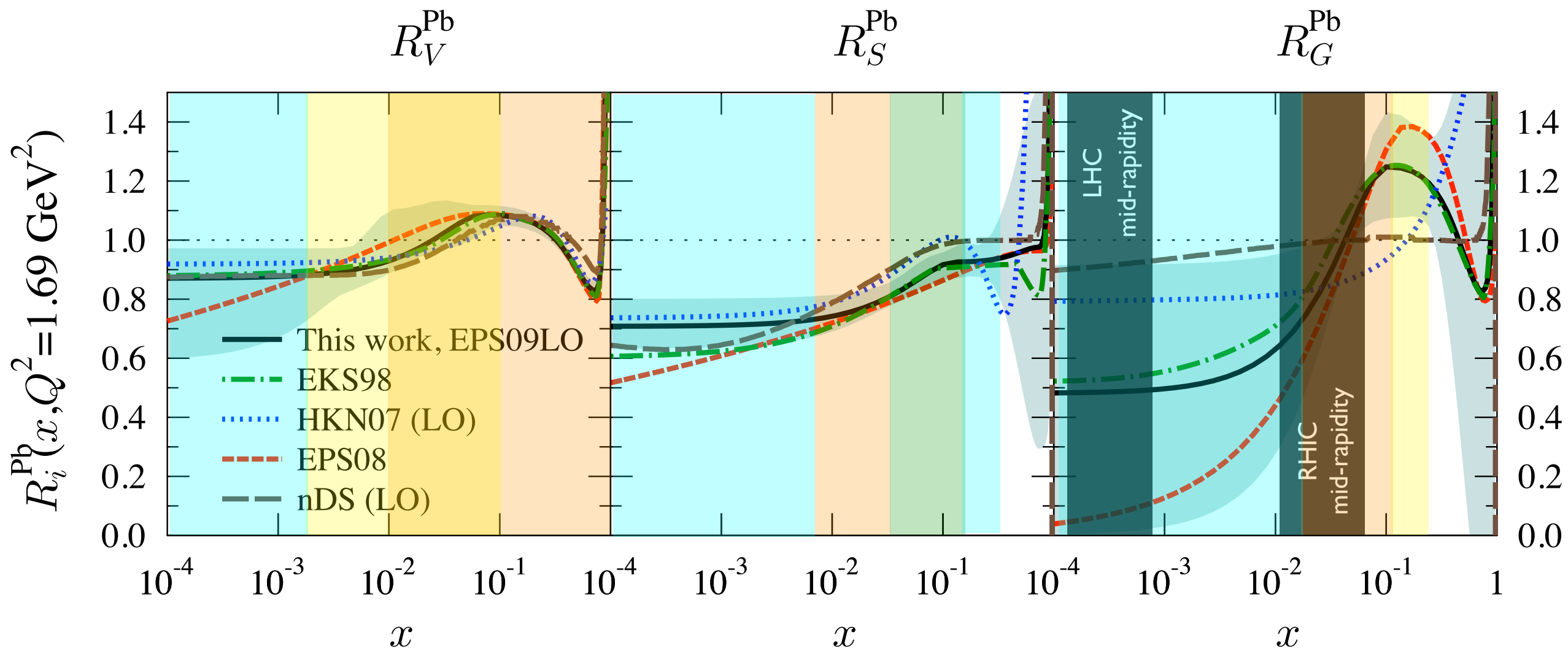


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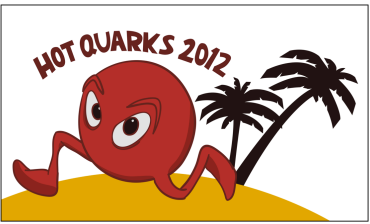
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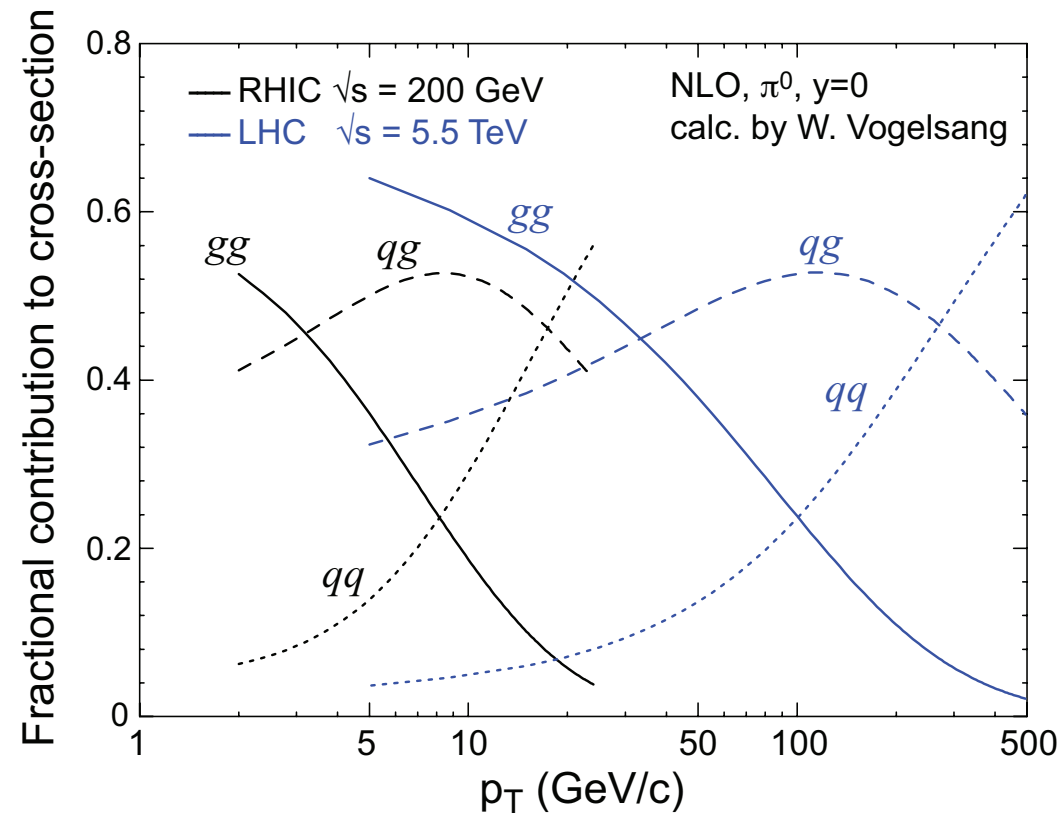
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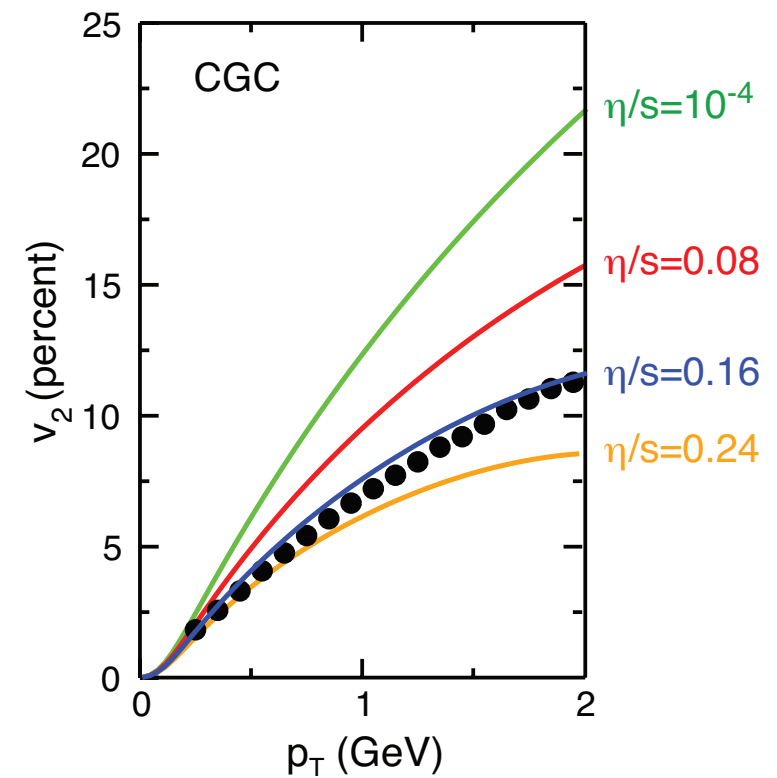
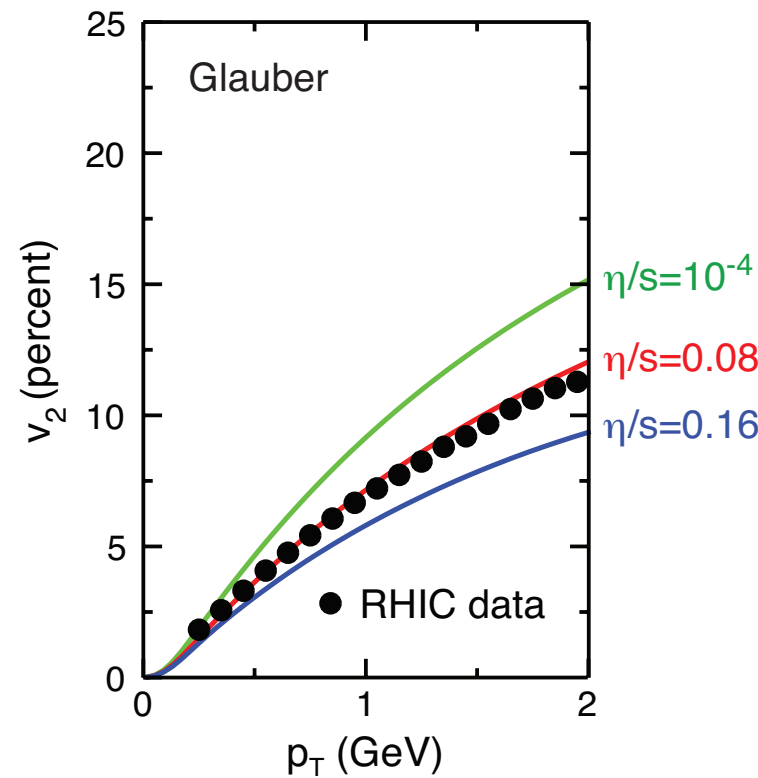
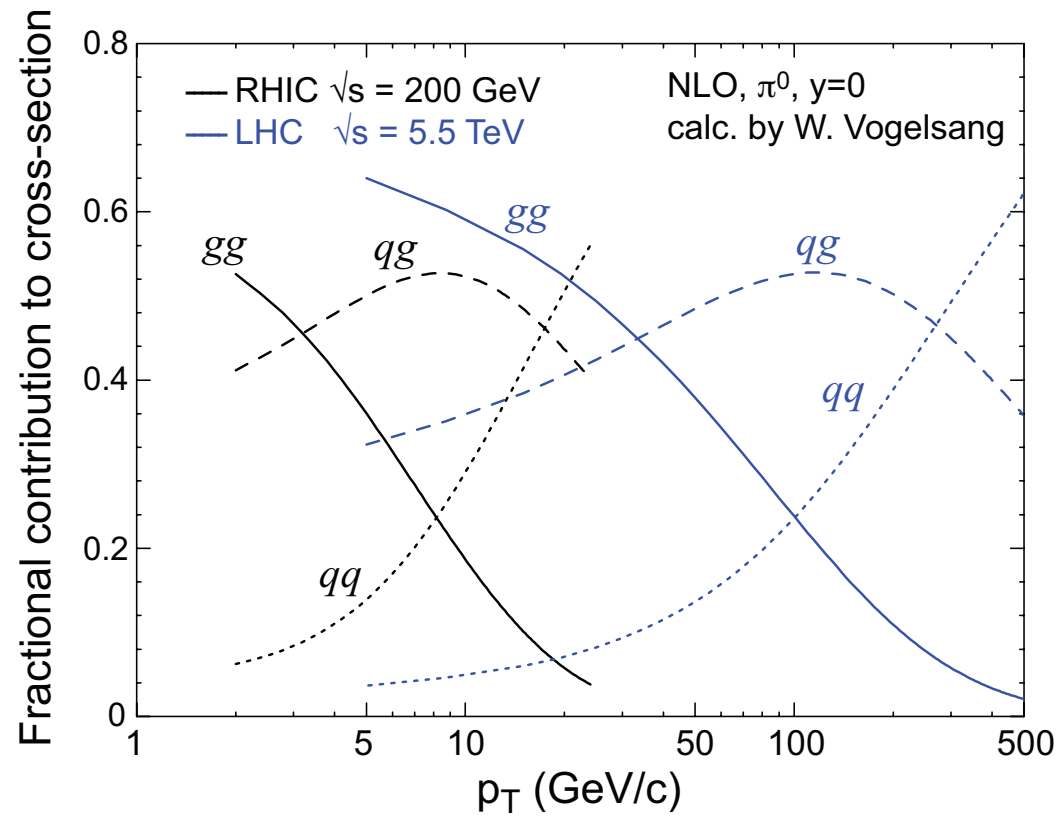


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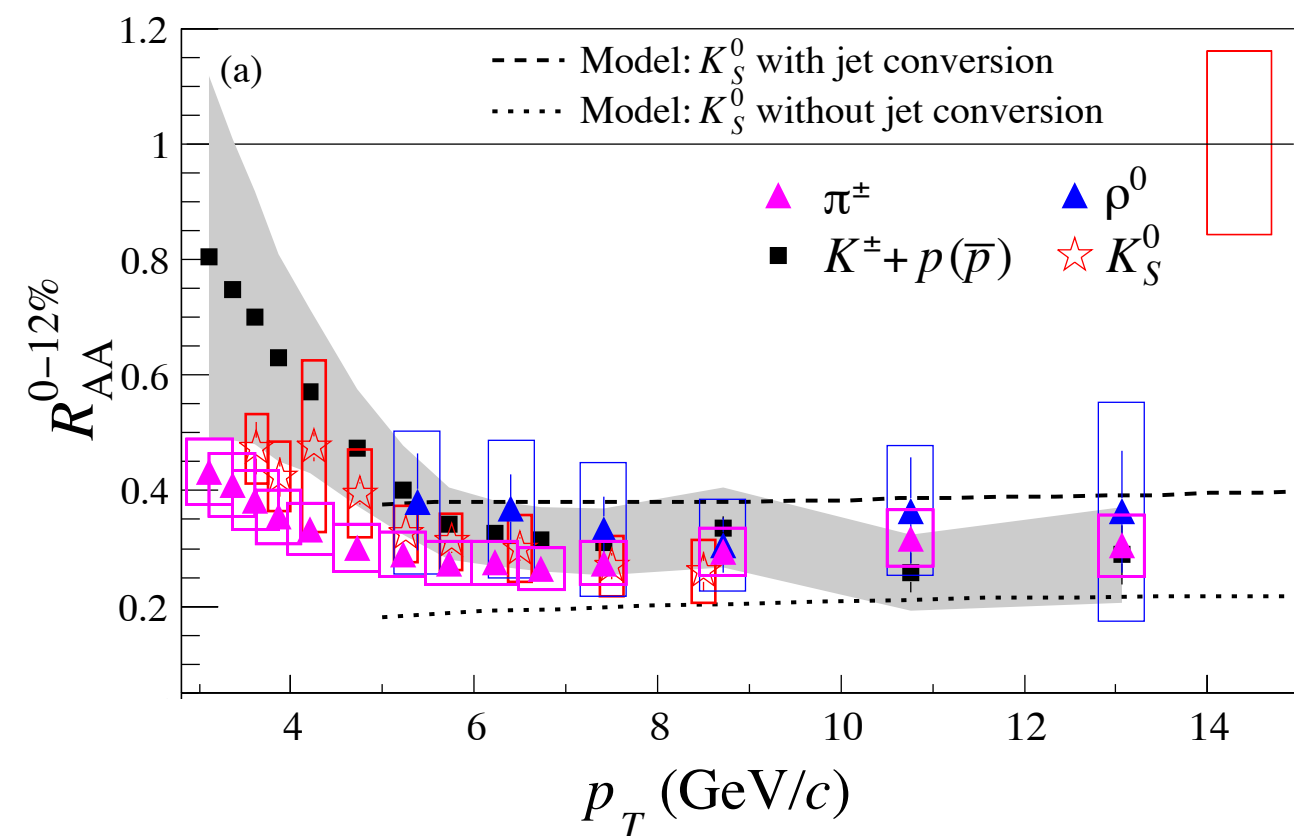
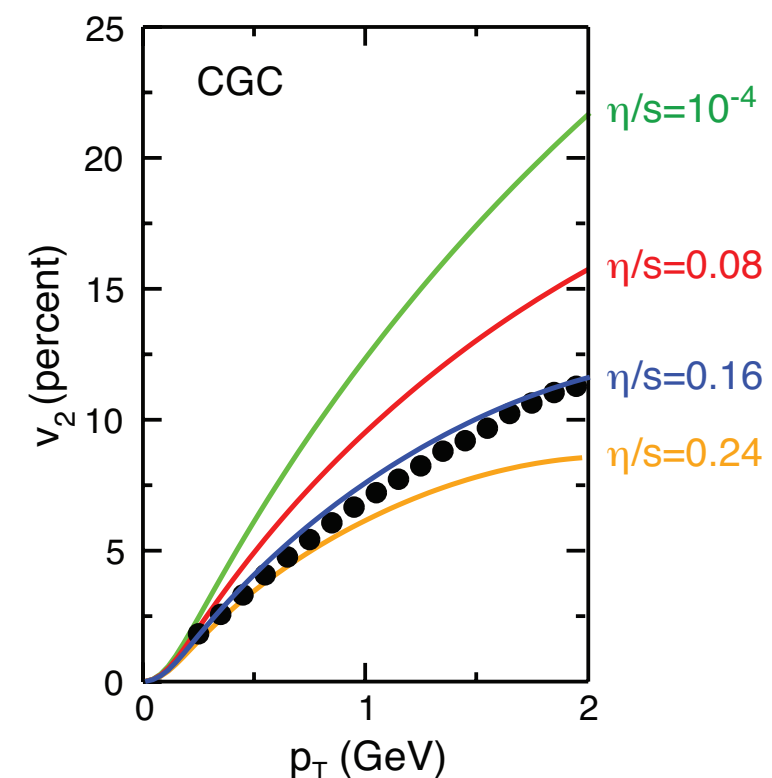
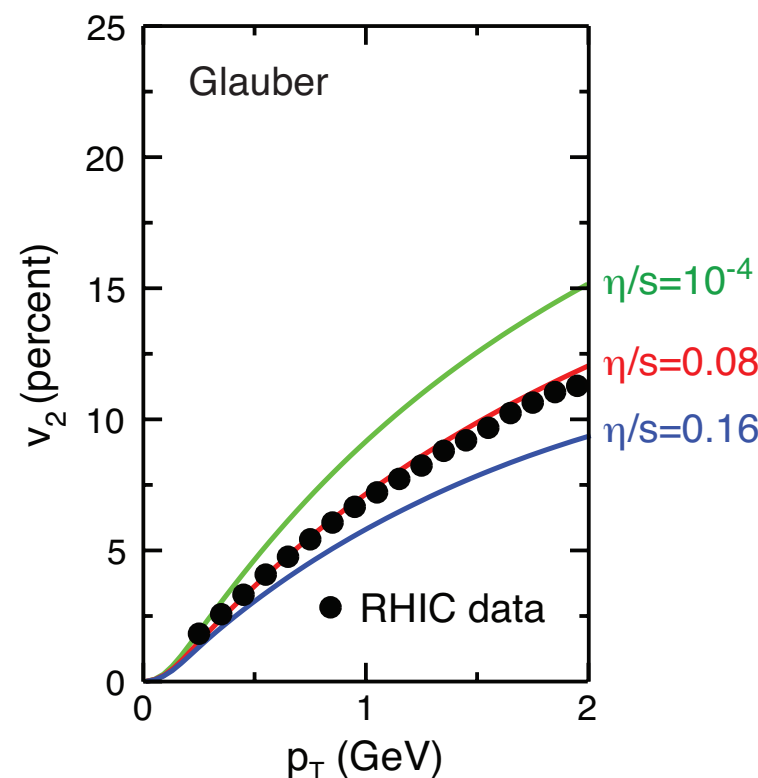
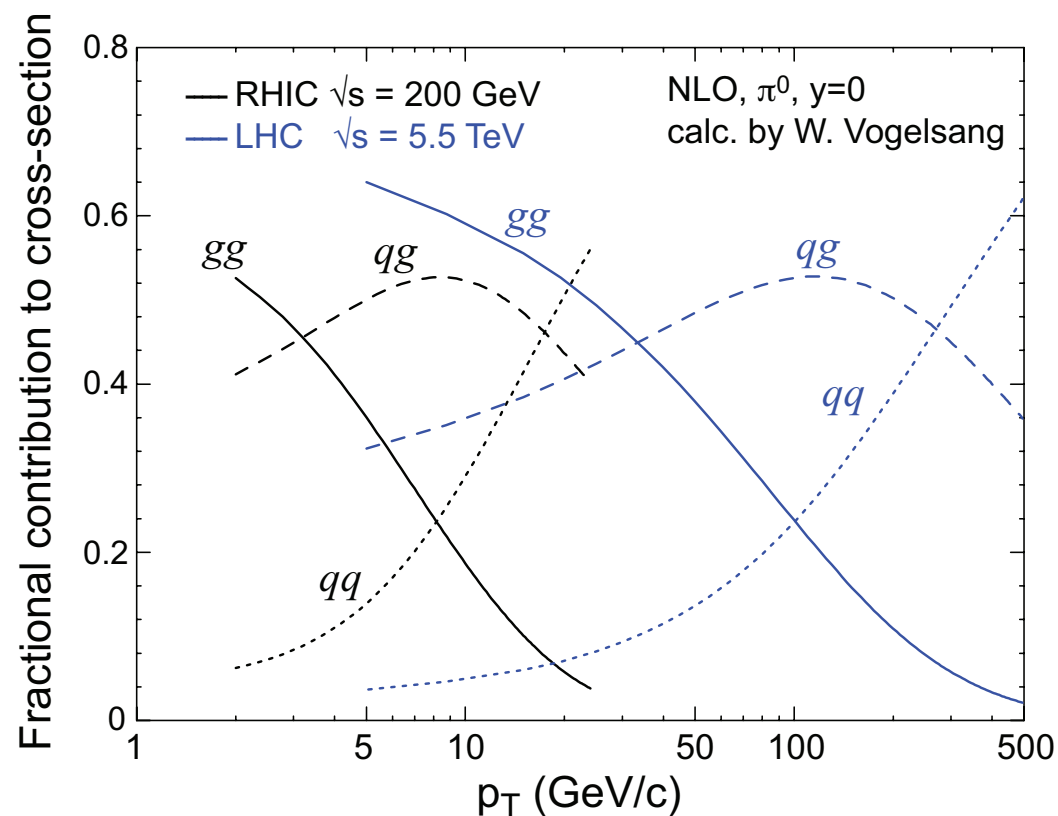


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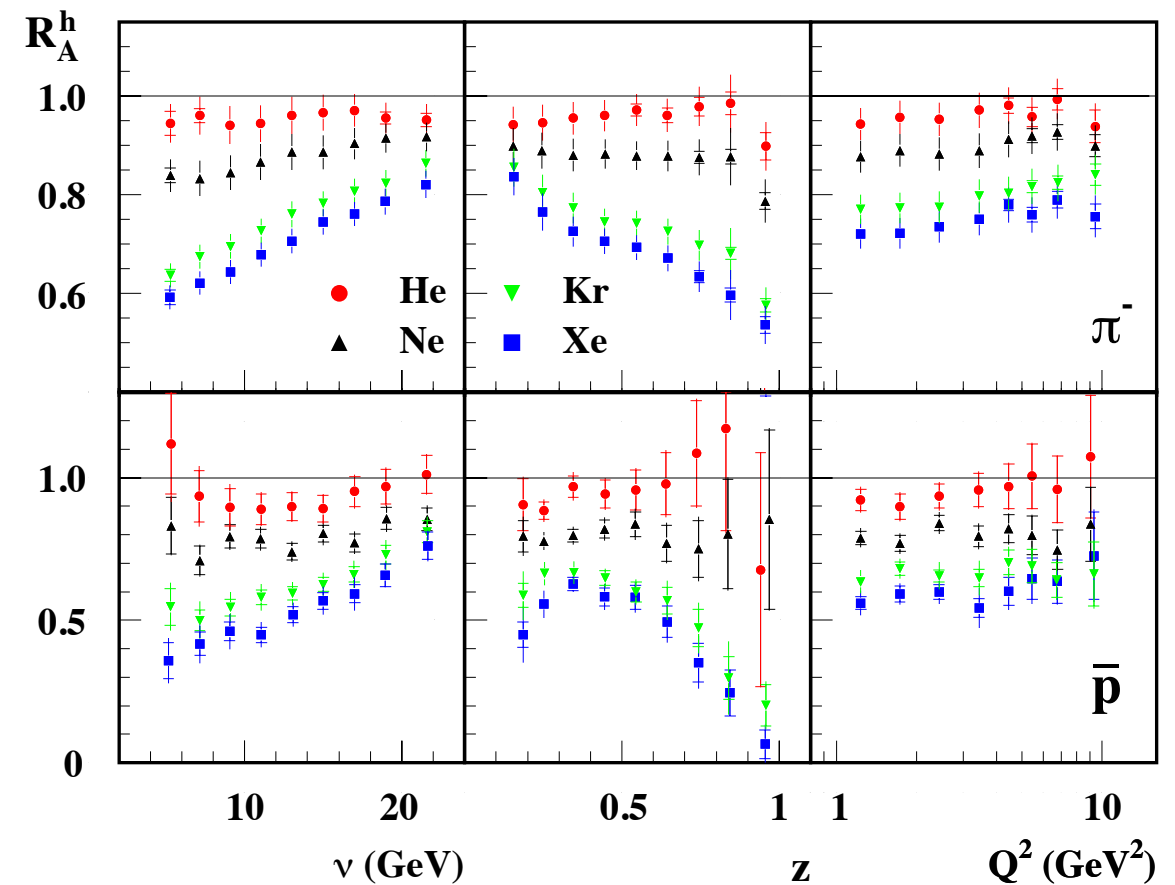
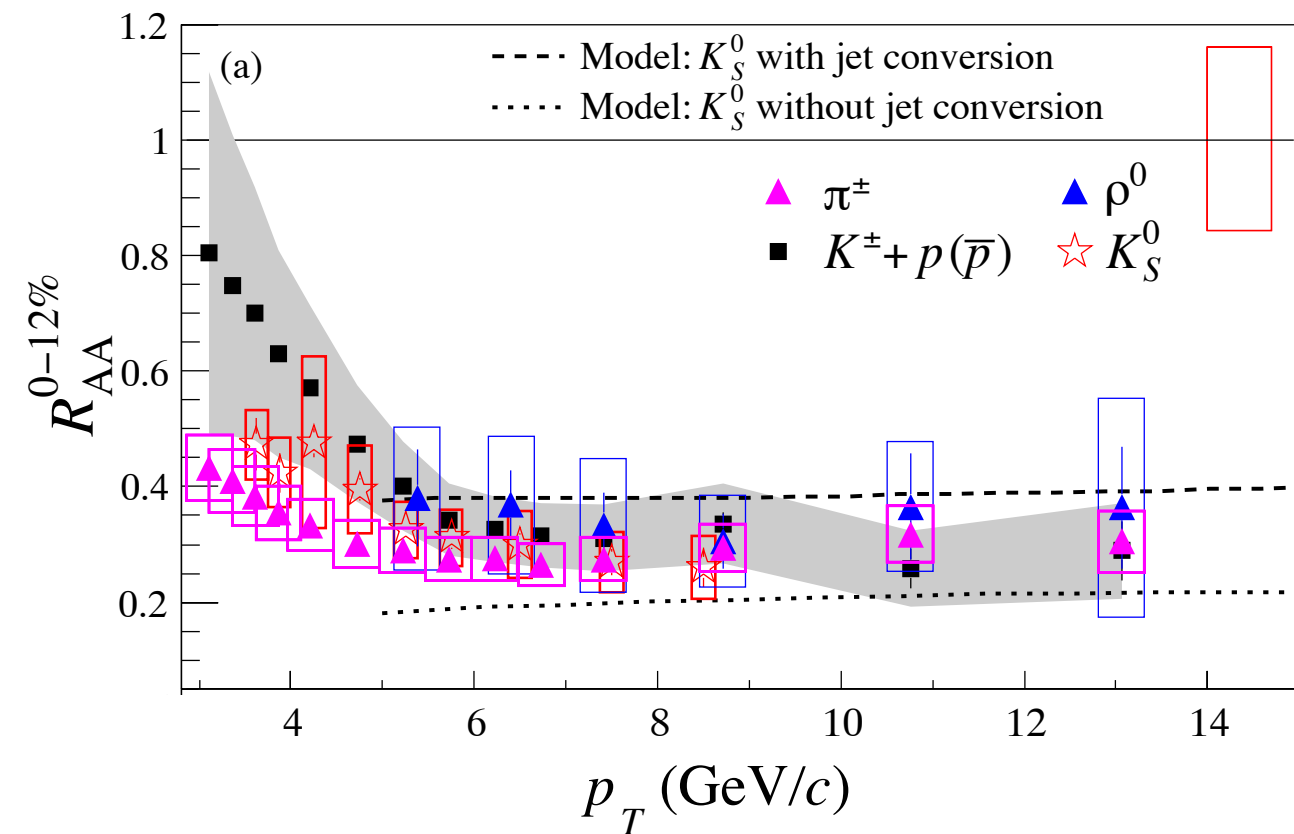
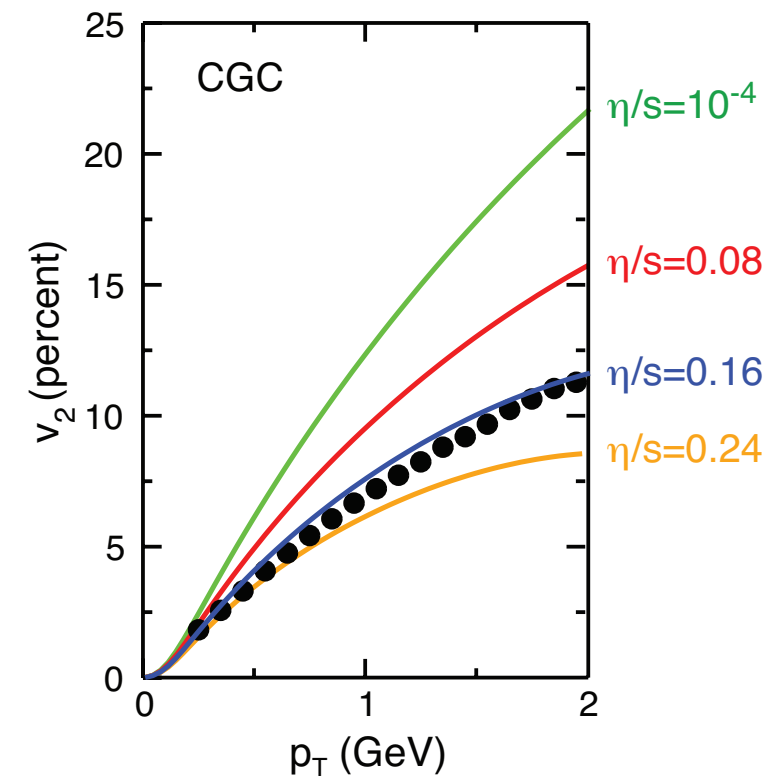
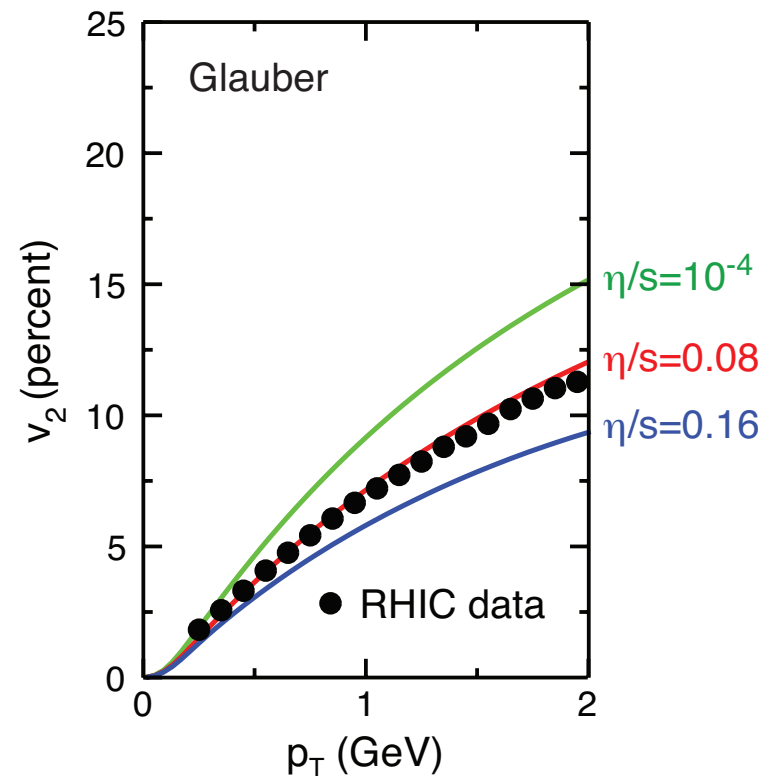
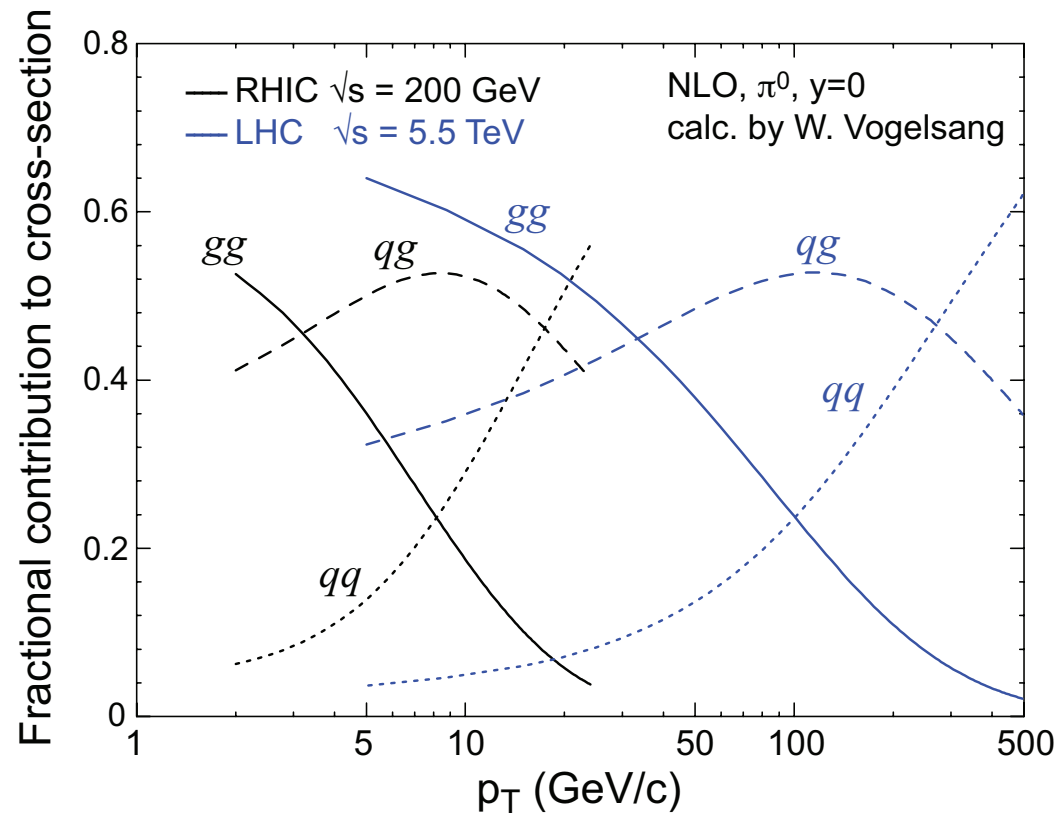
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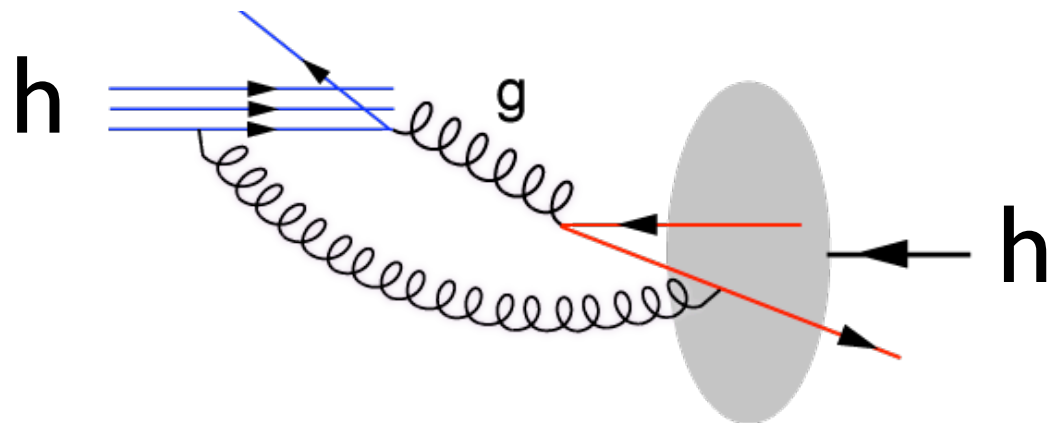
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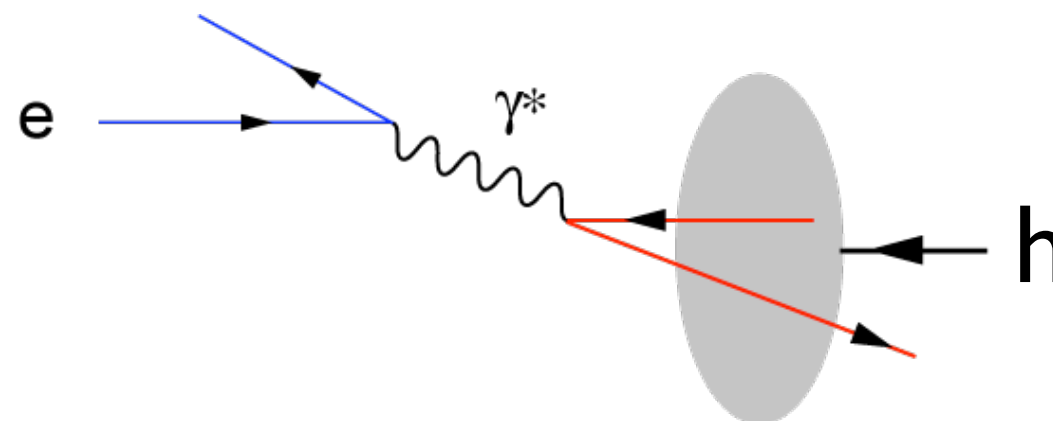
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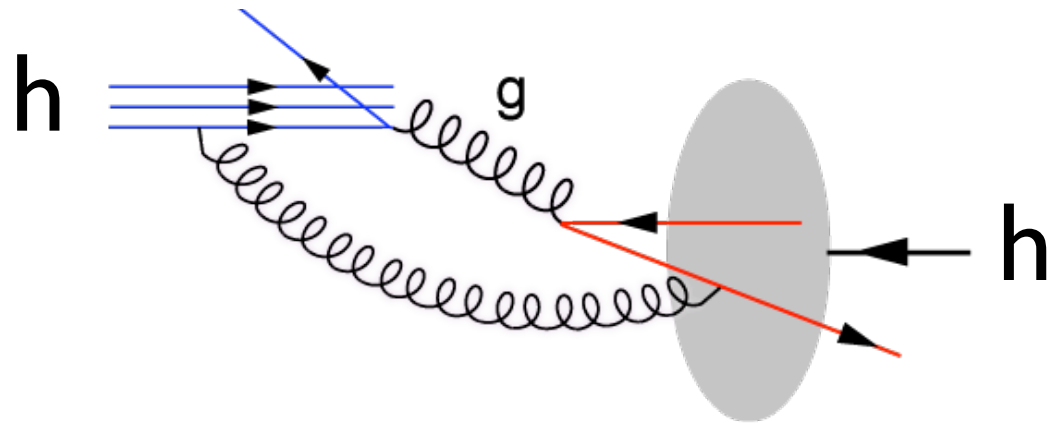


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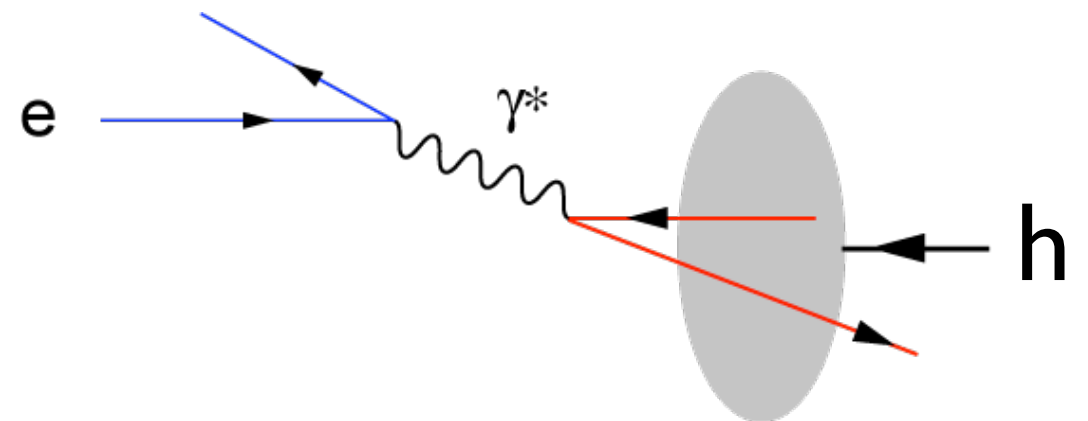
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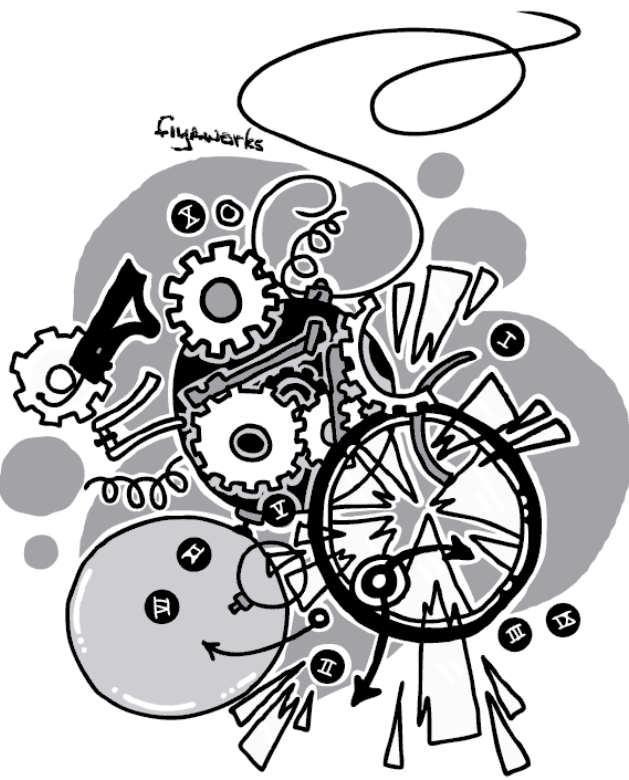


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R. Feynman

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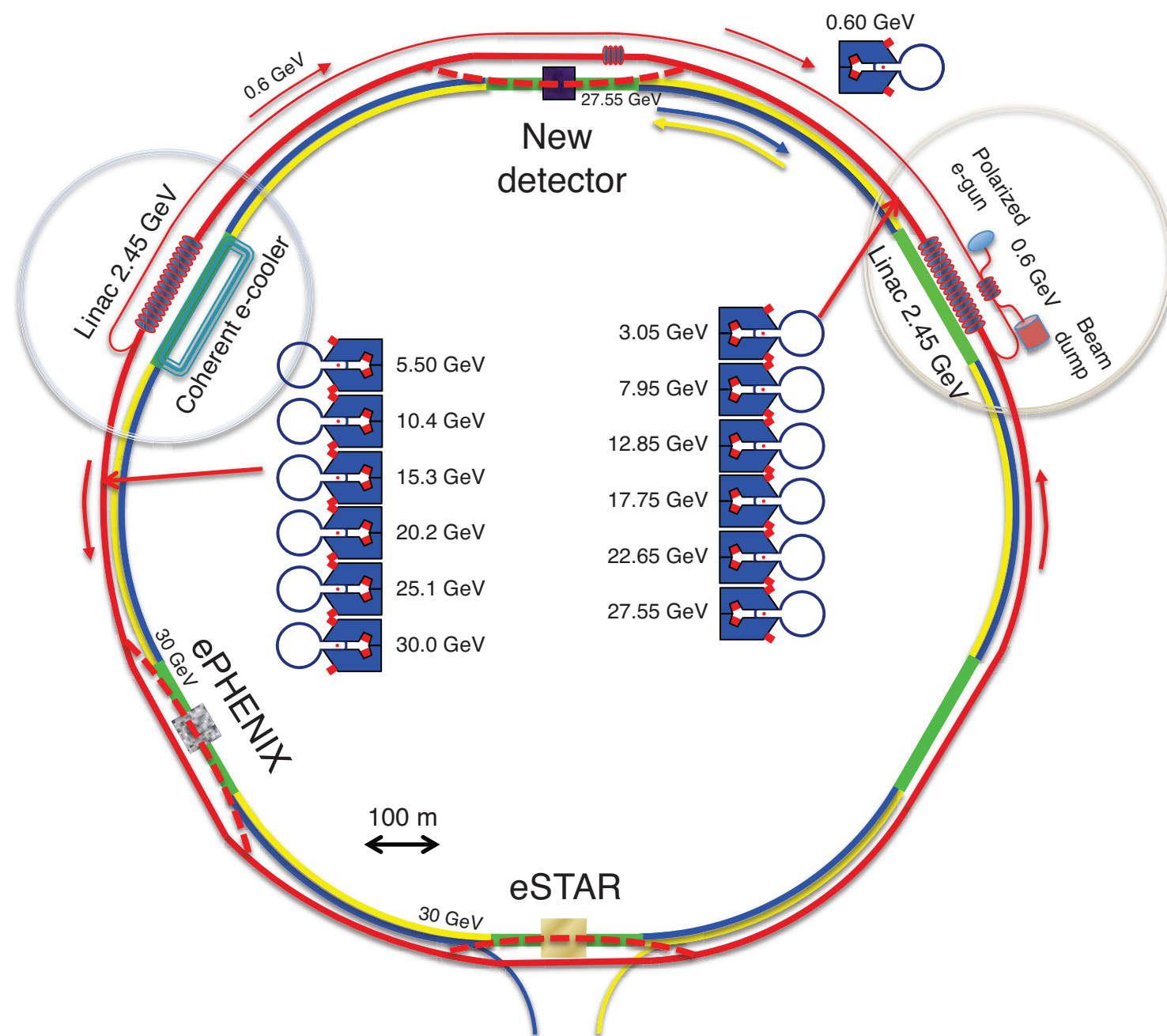
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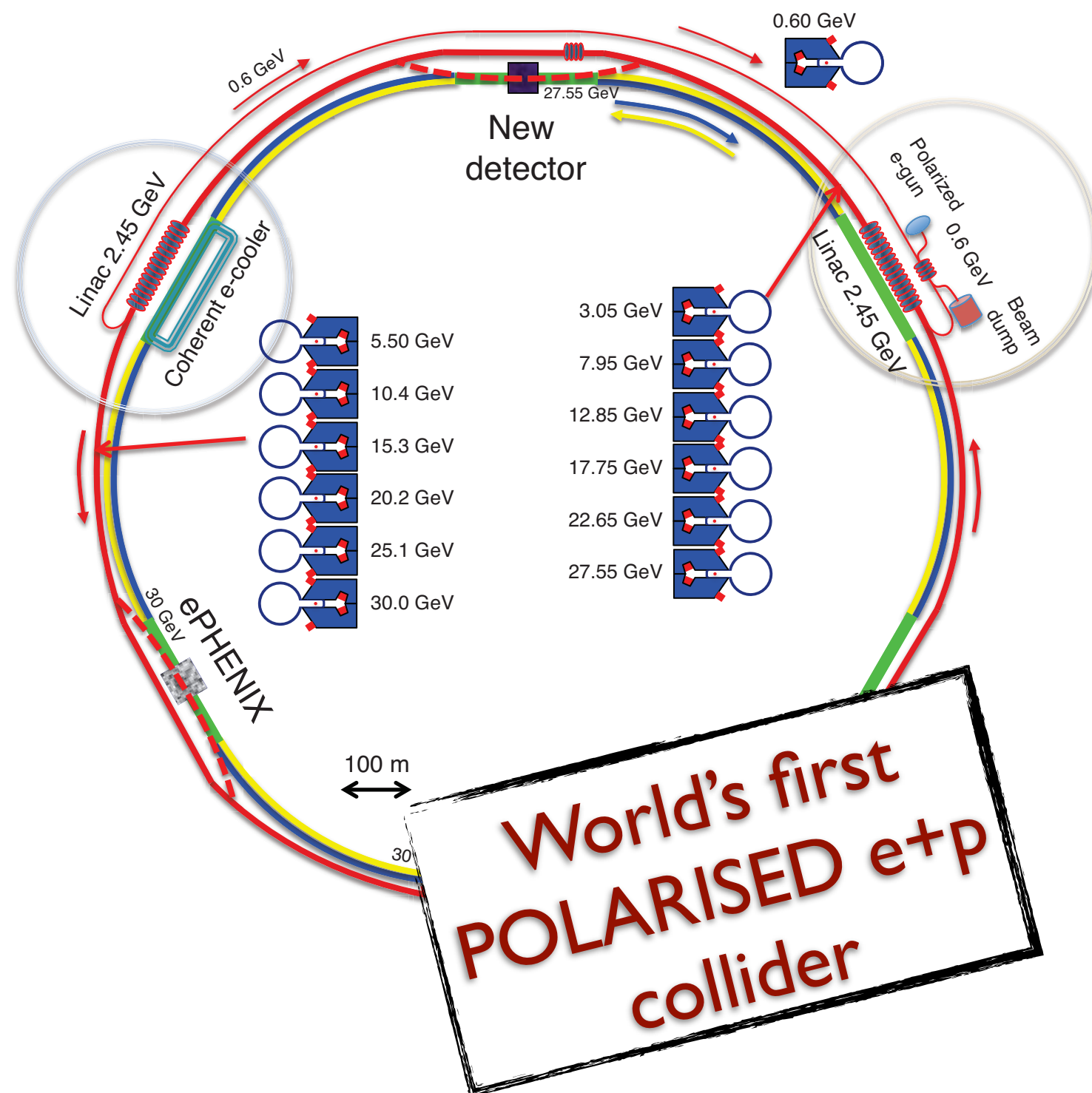




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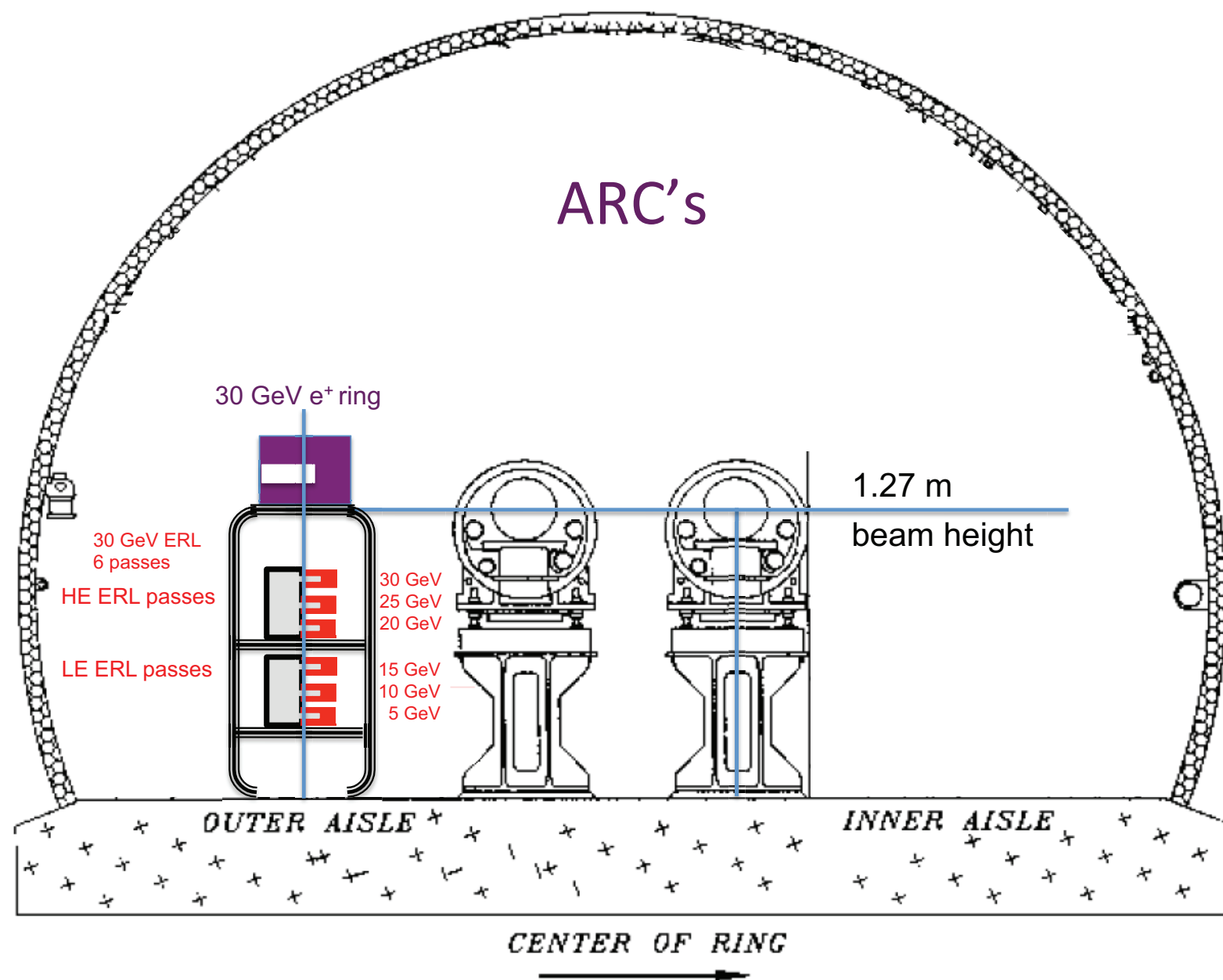


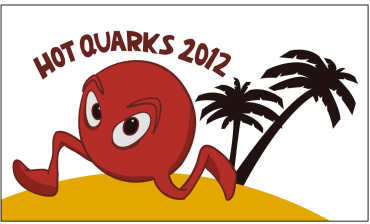


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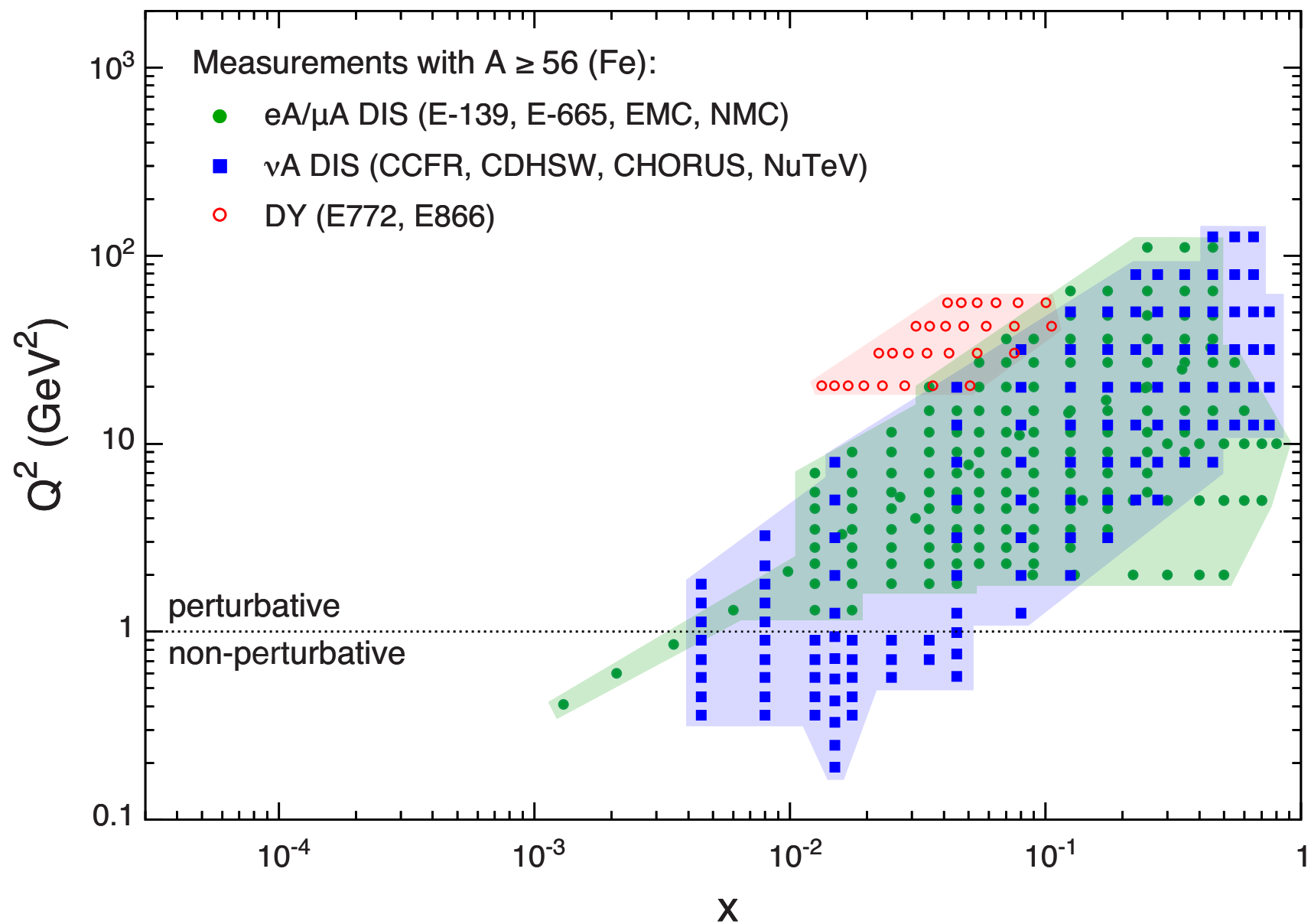




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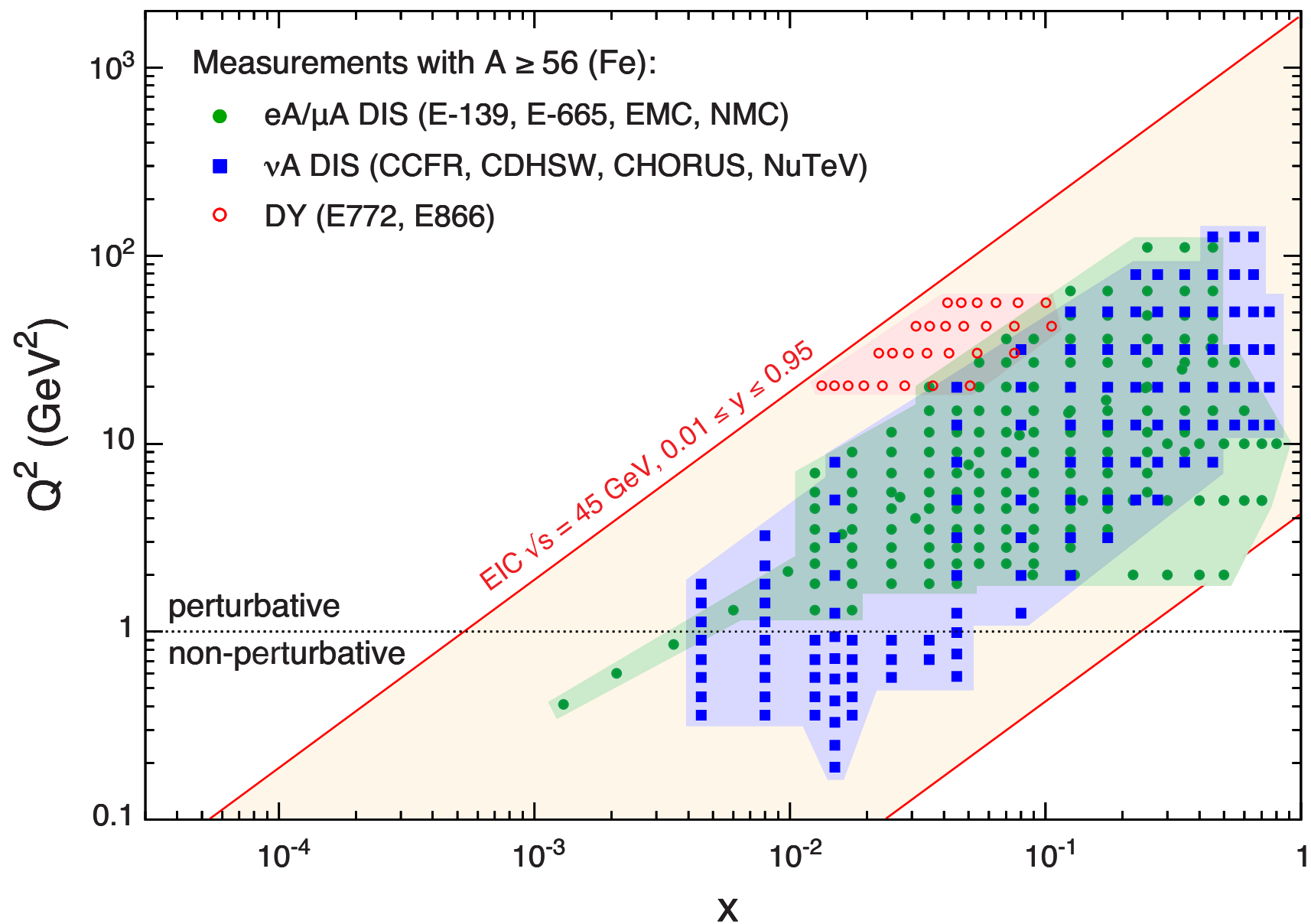




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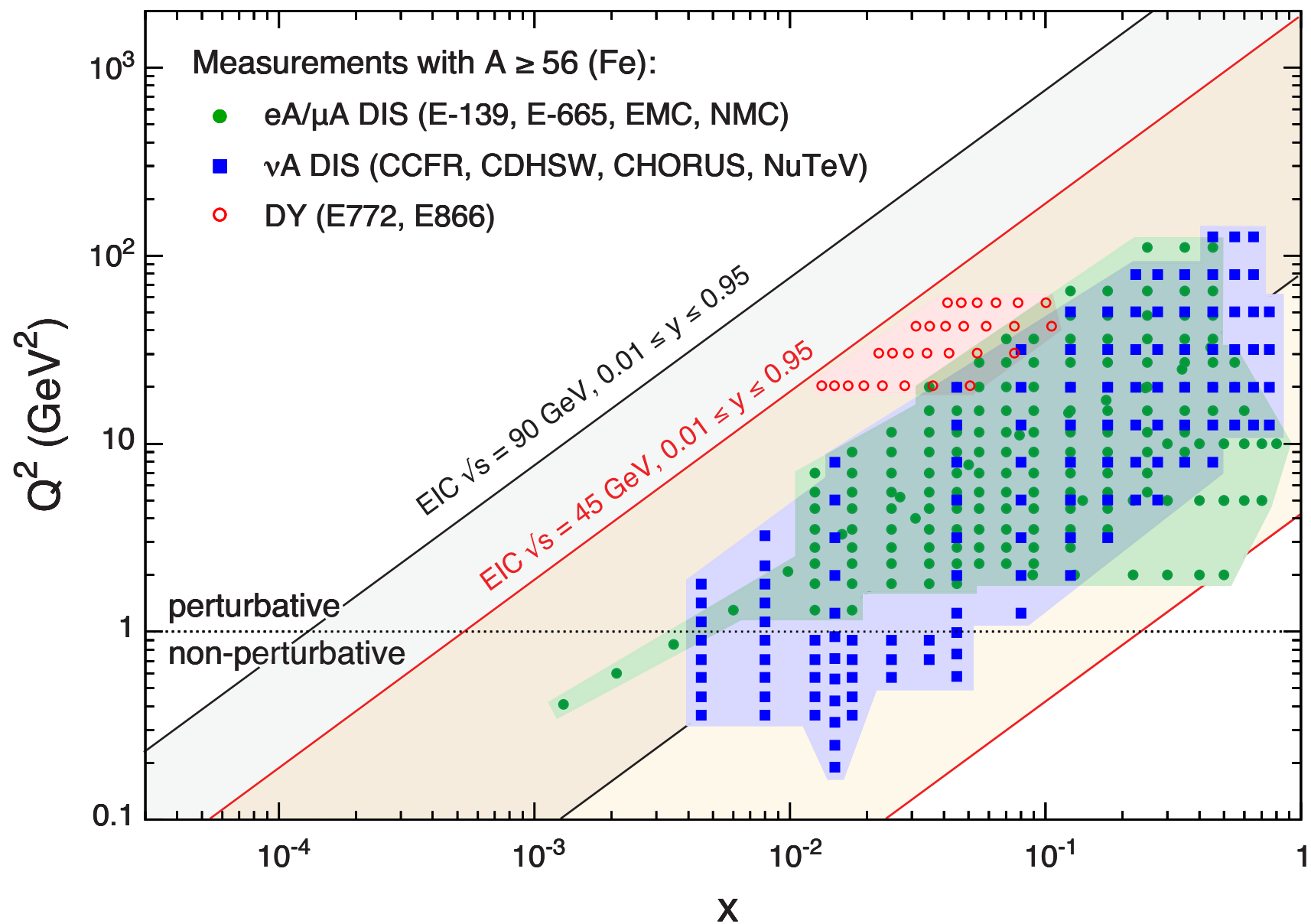




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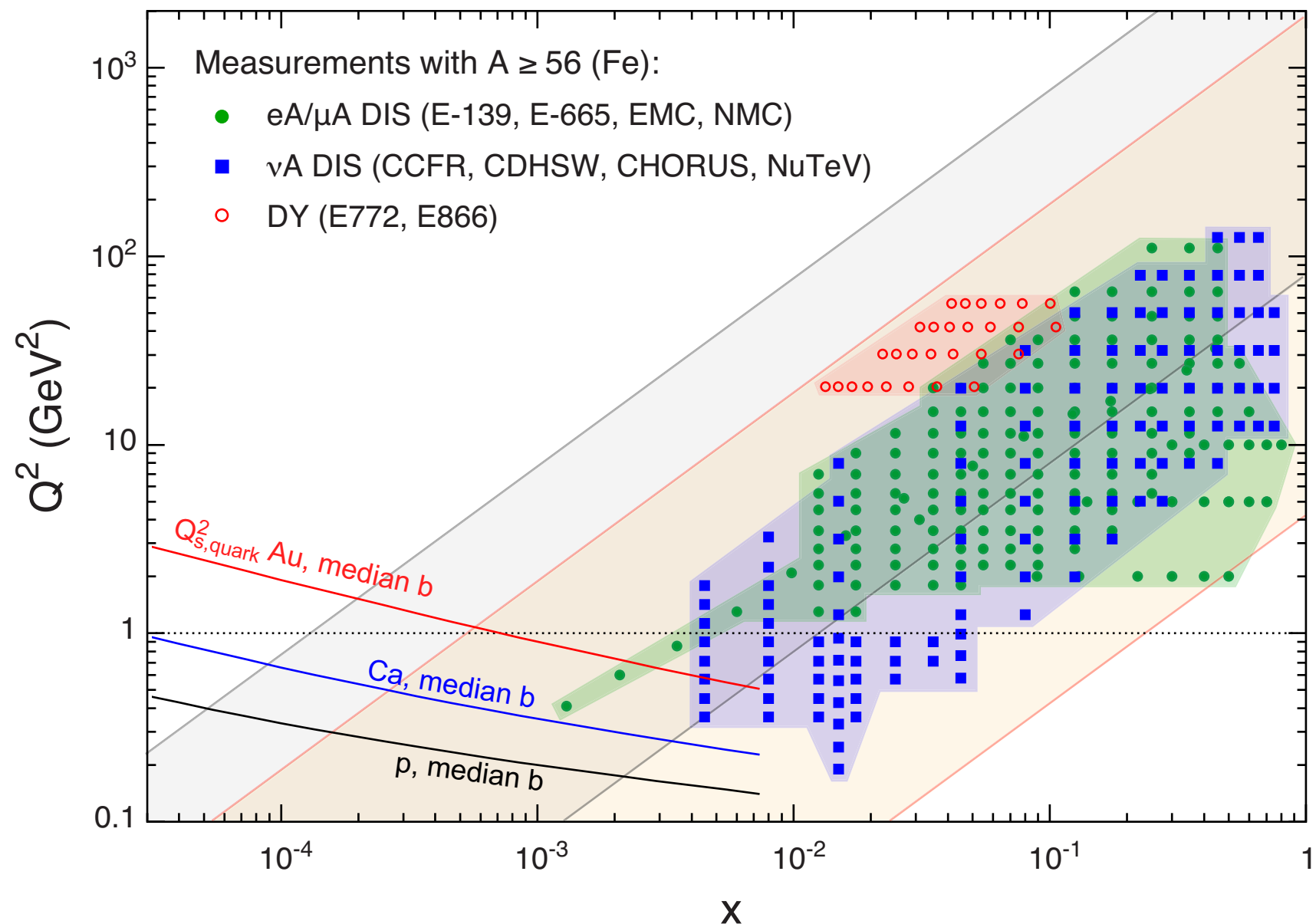




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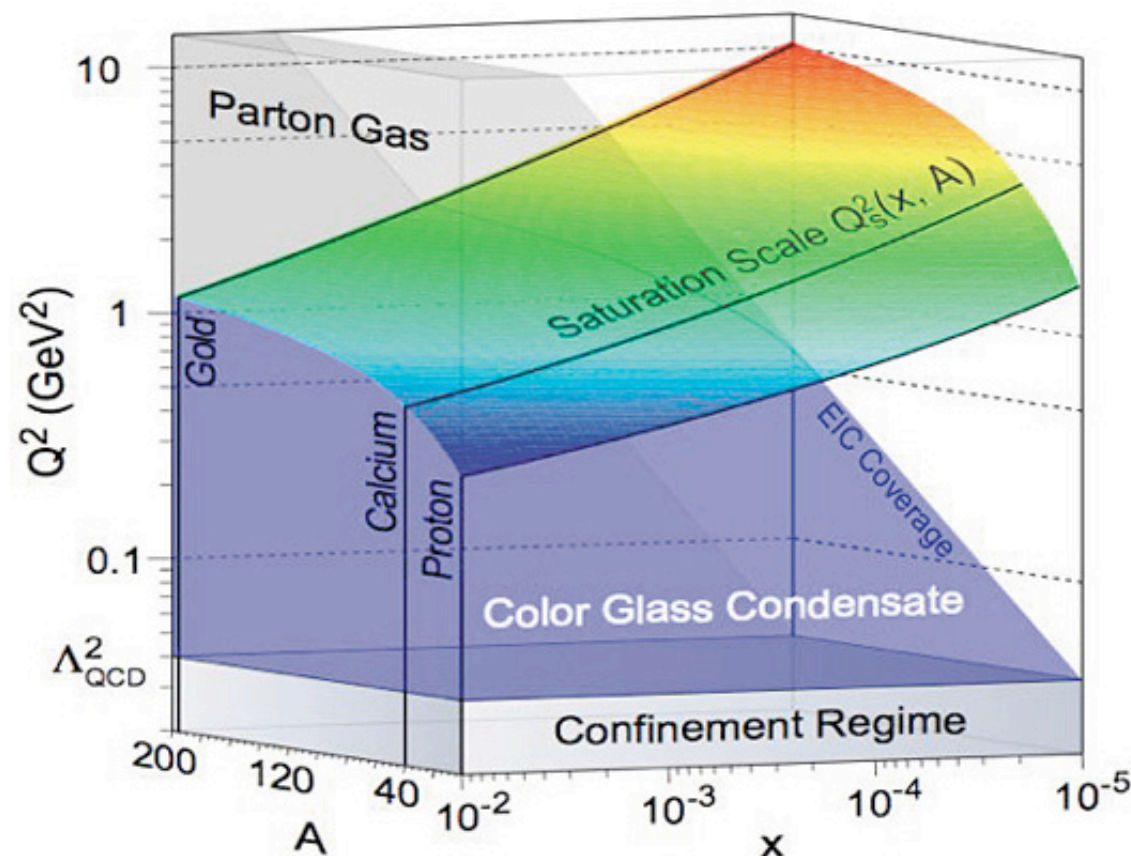
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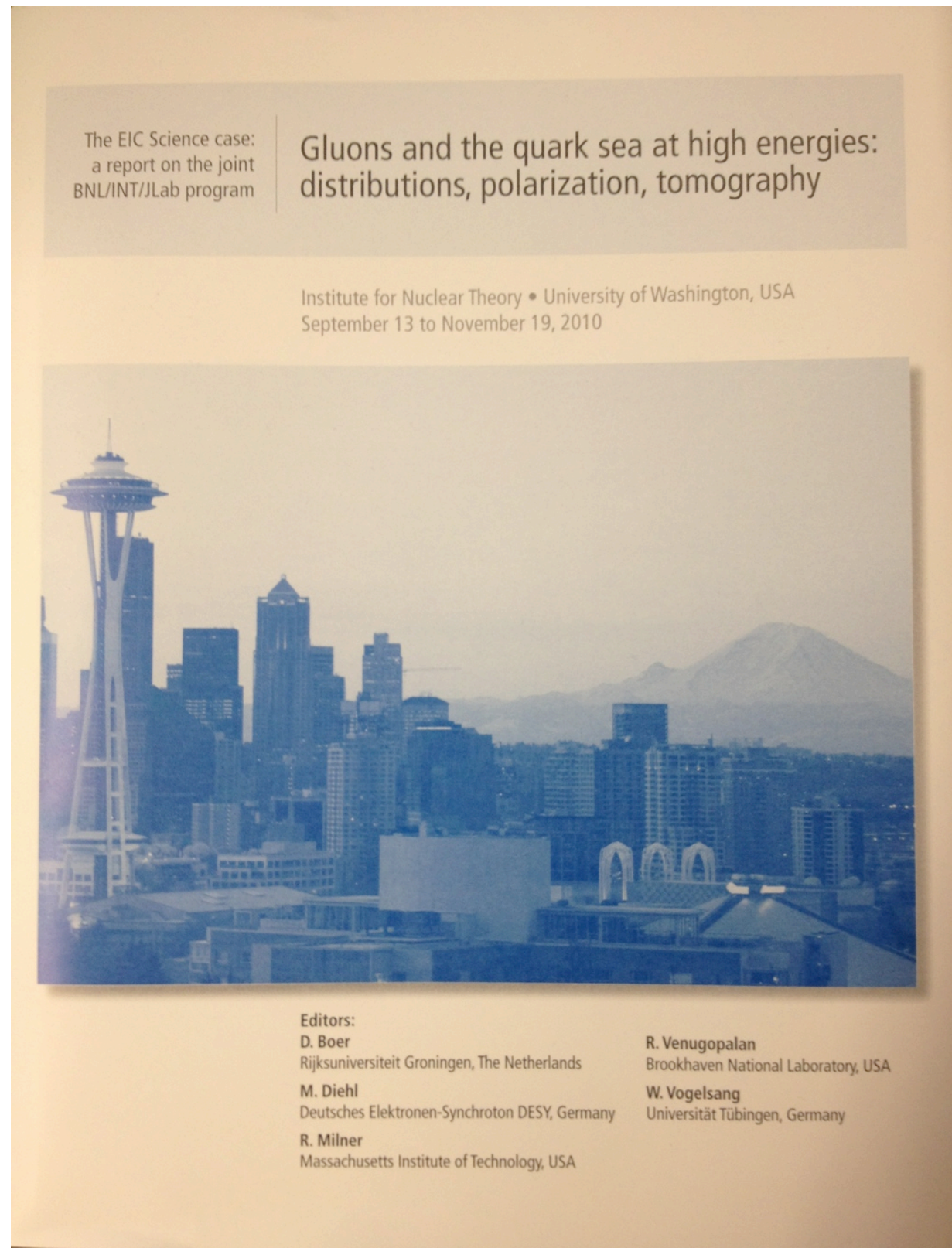
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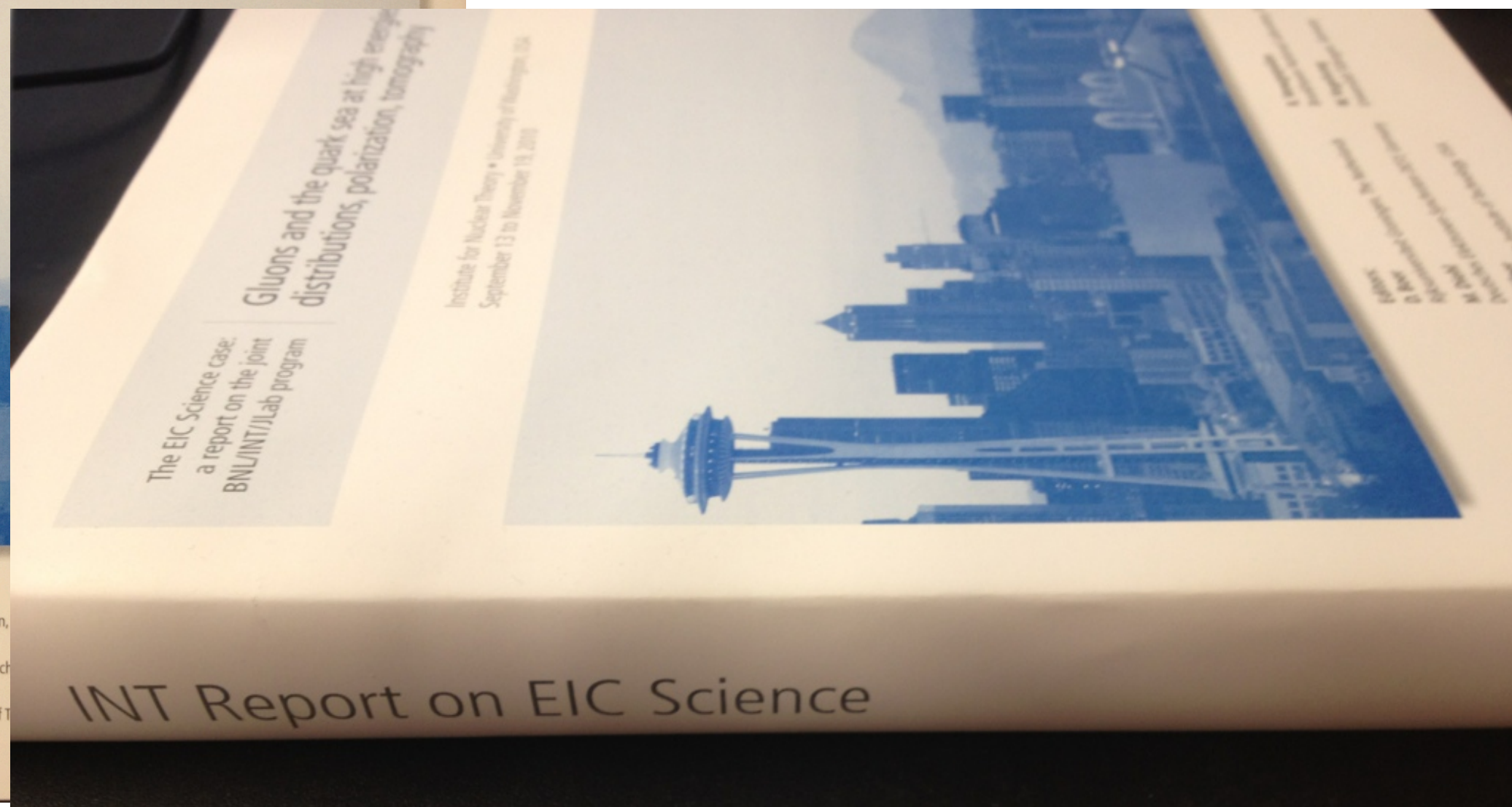
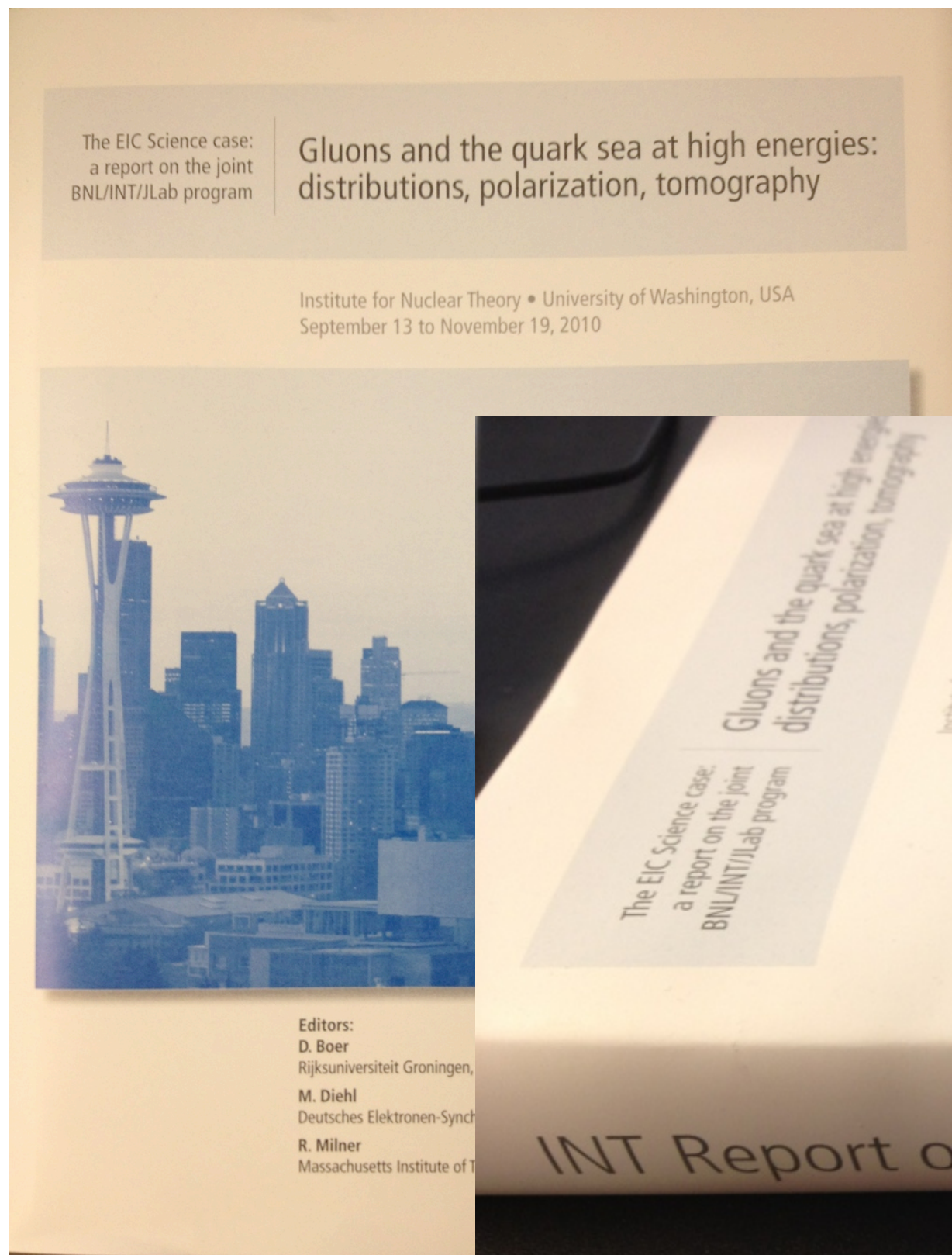






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## Chapter 3

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# Followup EIC White Paper

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## Chapter 3

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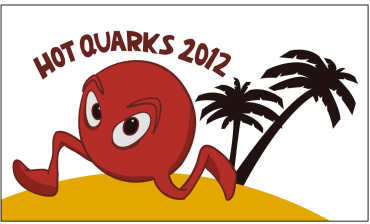
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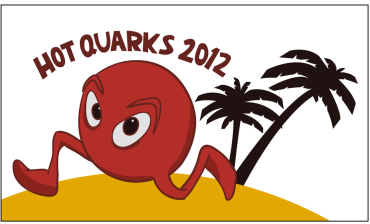
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- 148 pages in total
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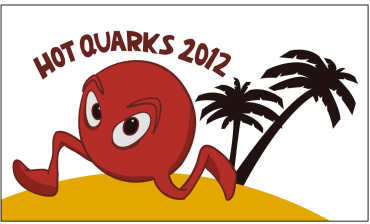
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  - ➡ Need to understand fluctuations in order to fully understand the spatial and momentum distributions of sea quarks and gluons



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transport coefficients in cold matter	large-x SIDIS; jets	parton energy loss, shower evolution; energy loss mechanisms	light flavours and charm; jets	rare probes and bottom; large-x gluons



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See talk later today by Tobias Toll

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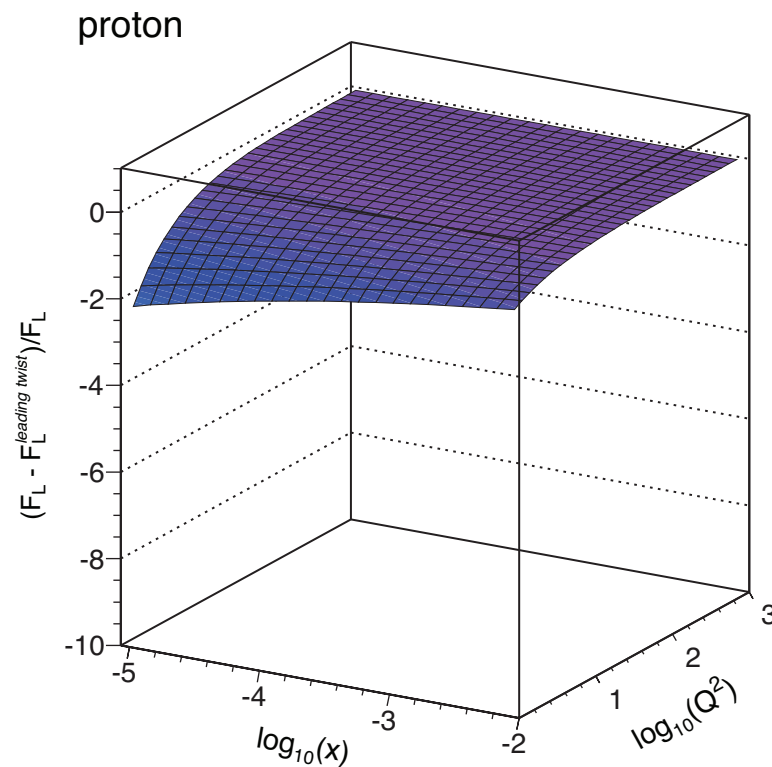
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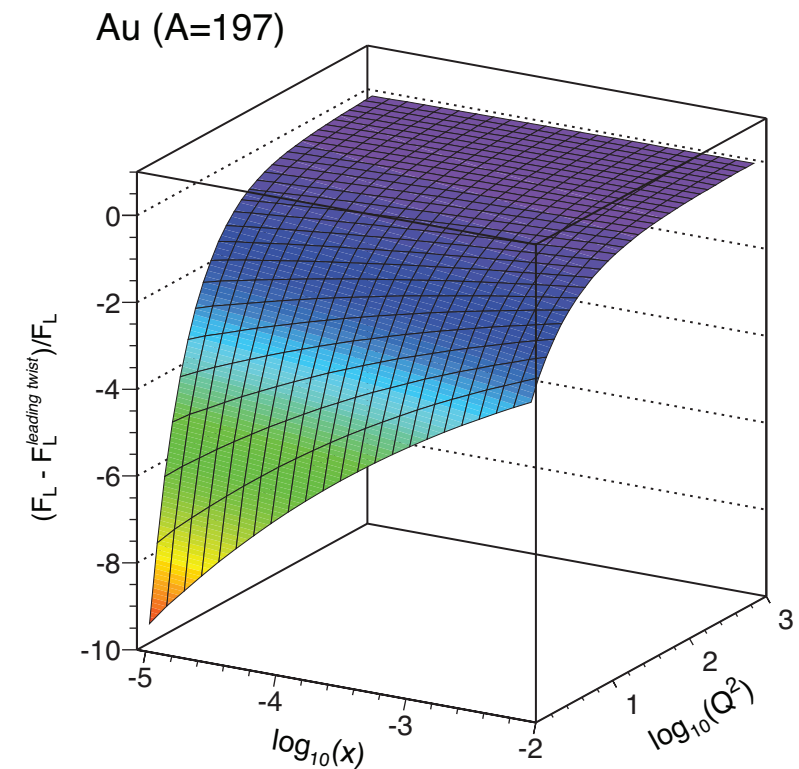
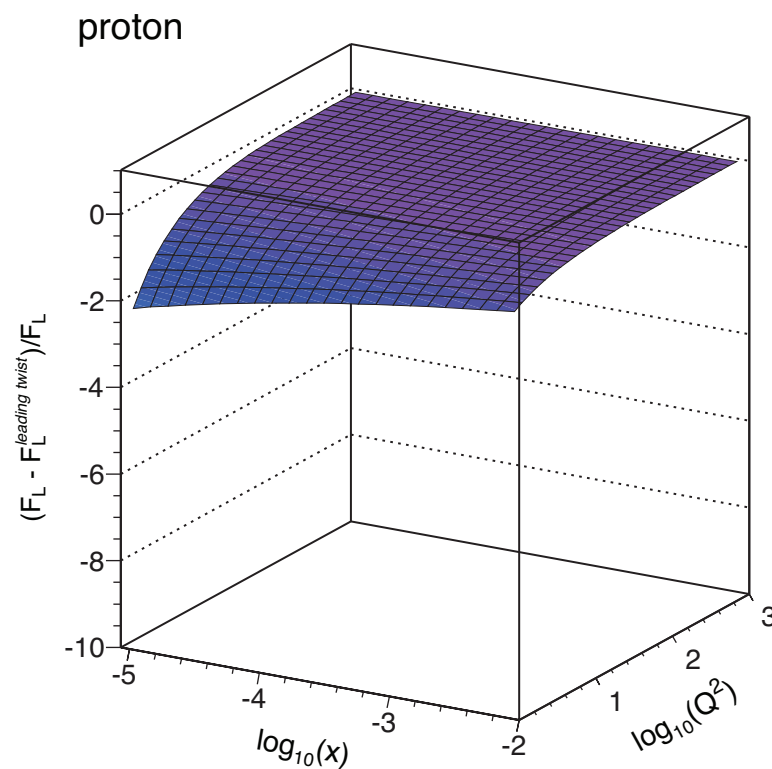
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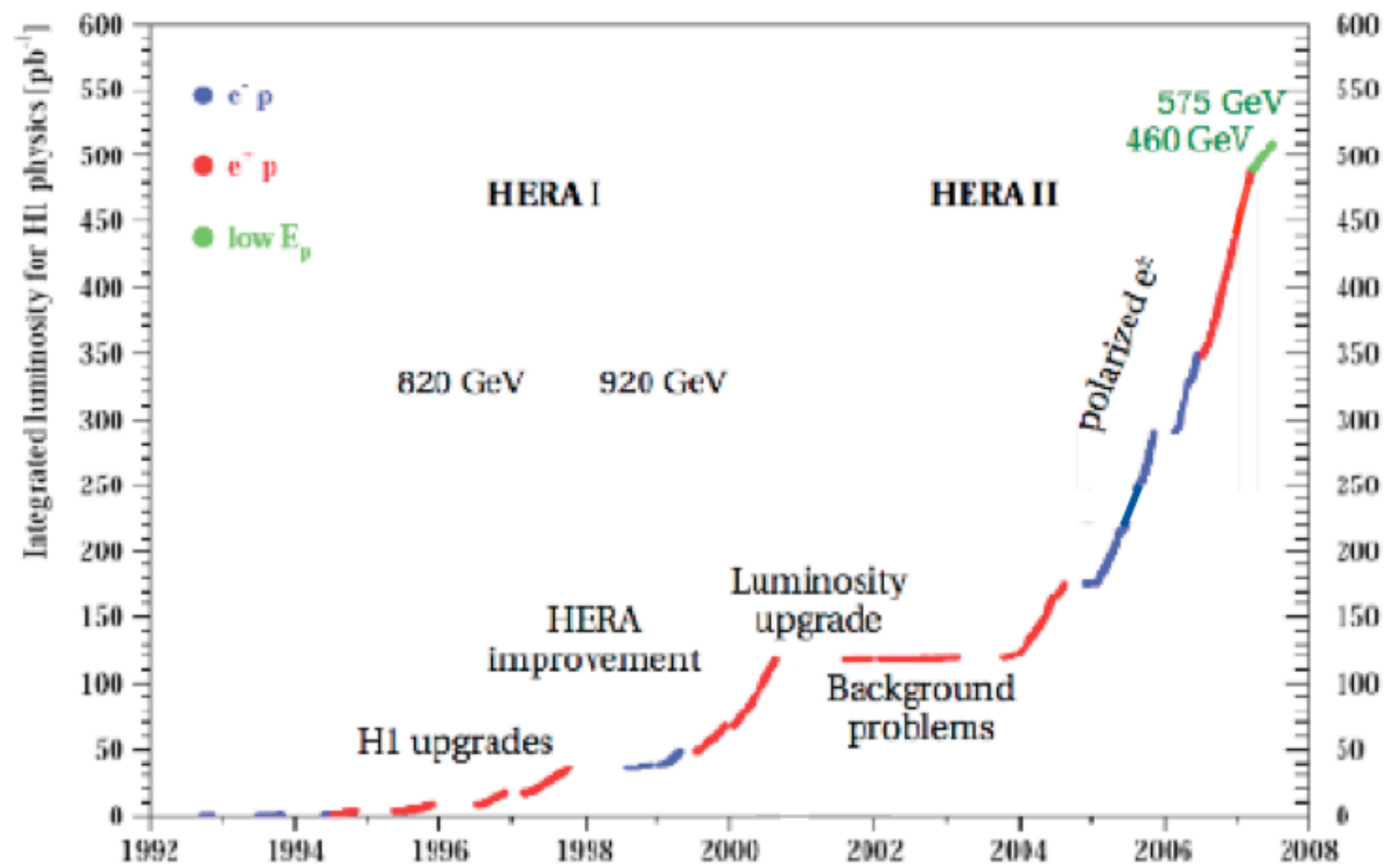
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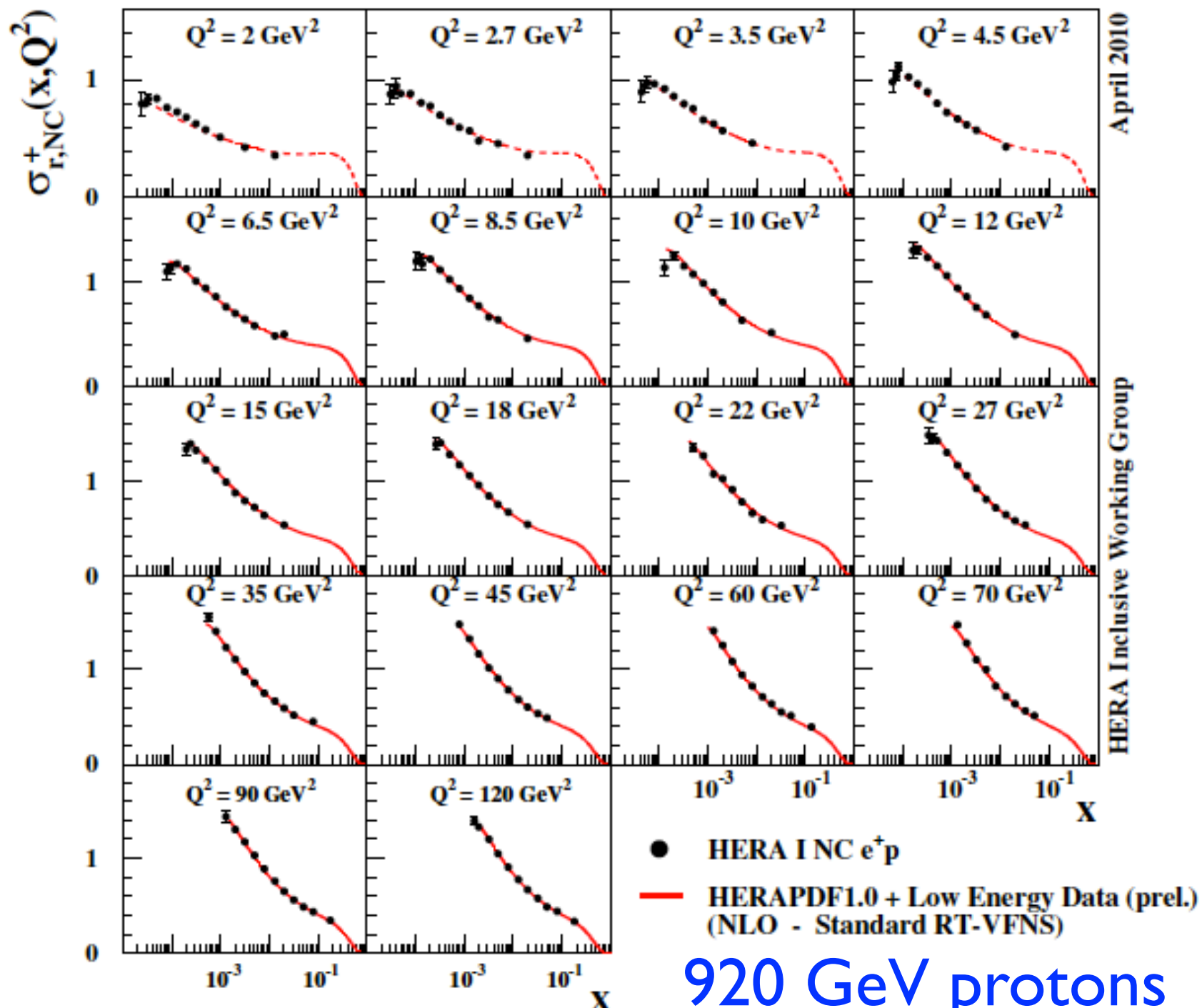


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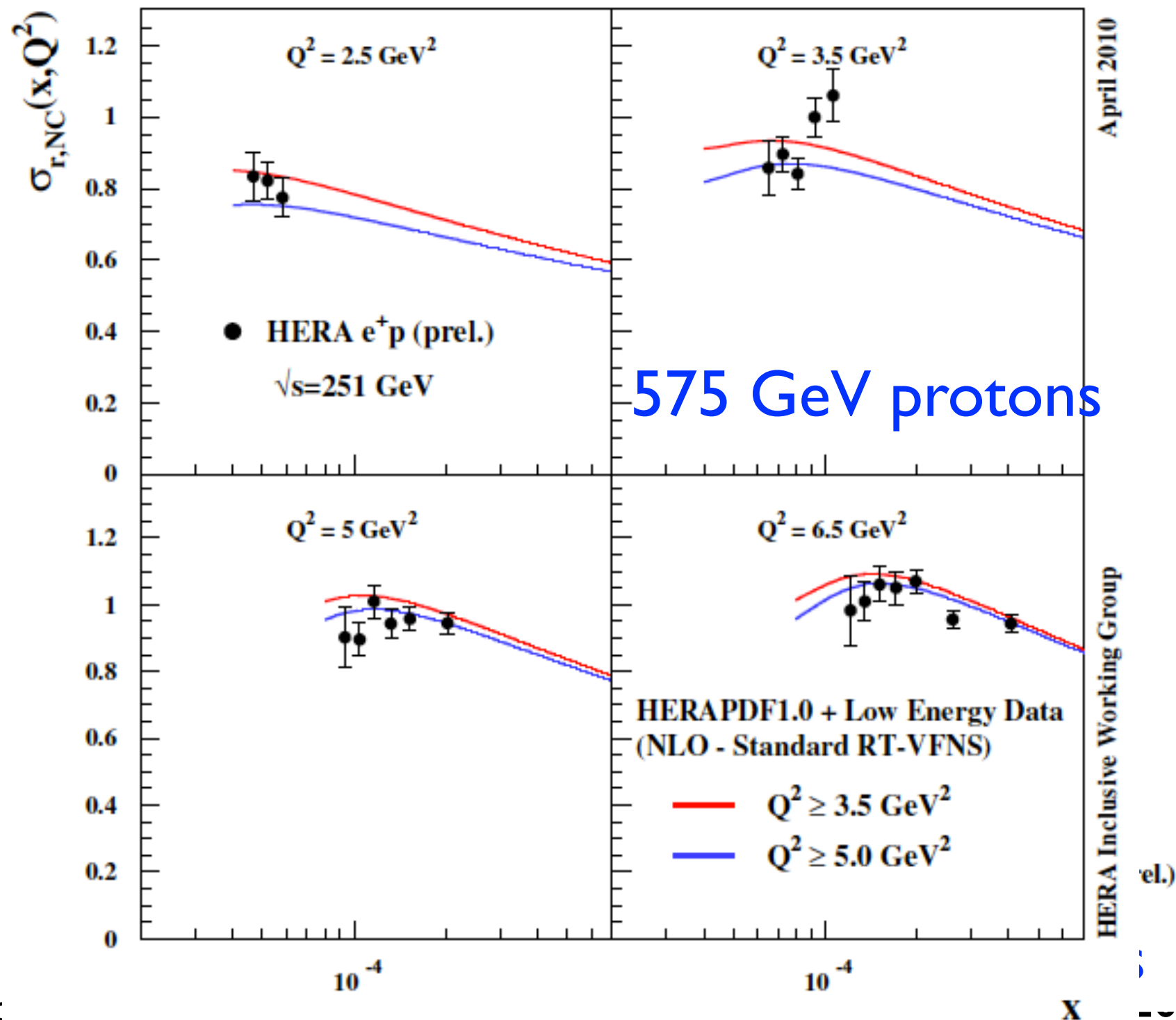


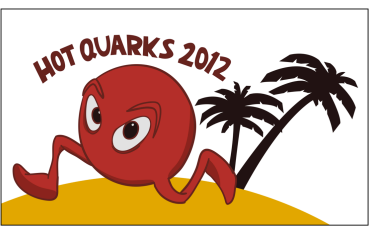
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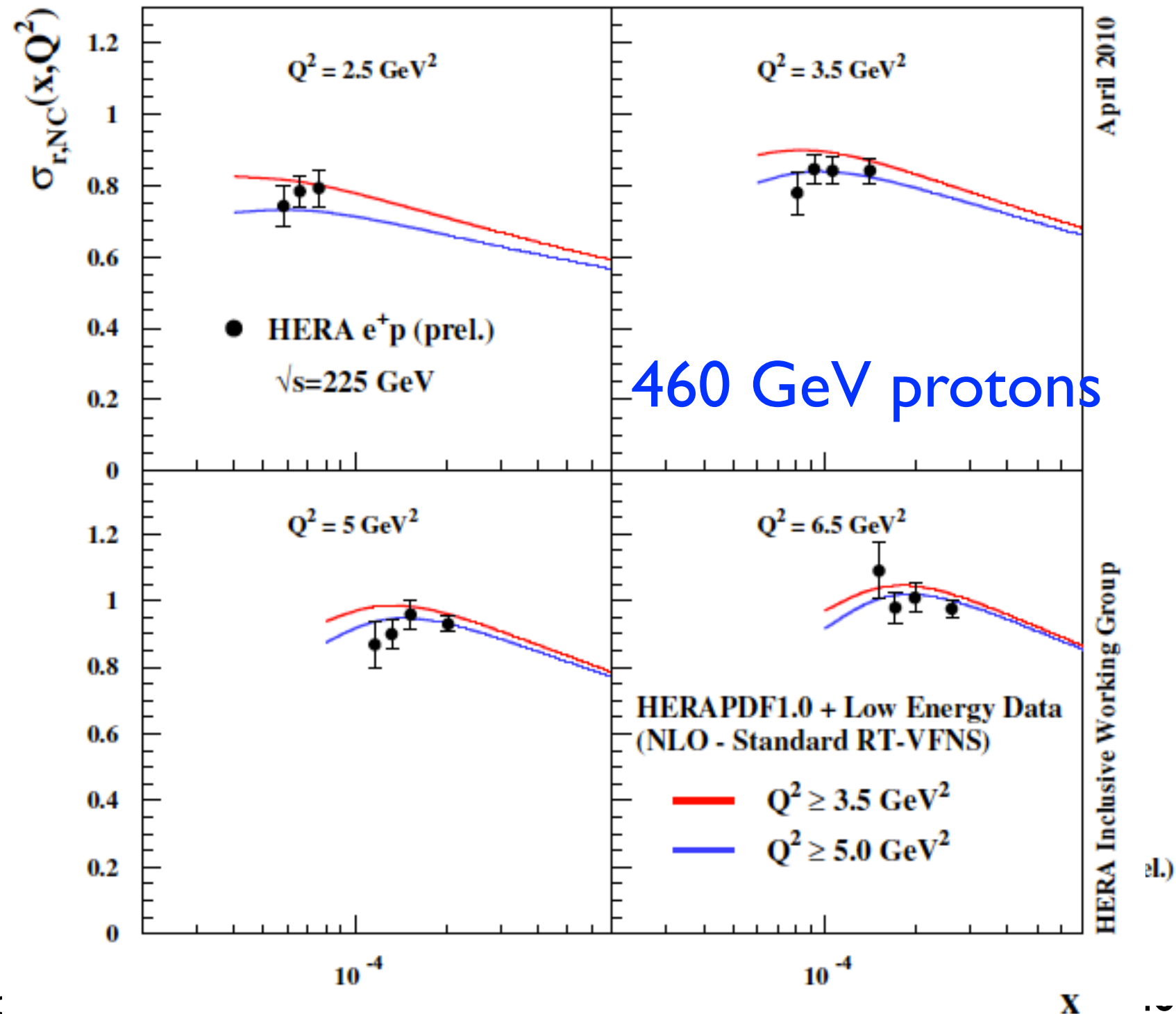


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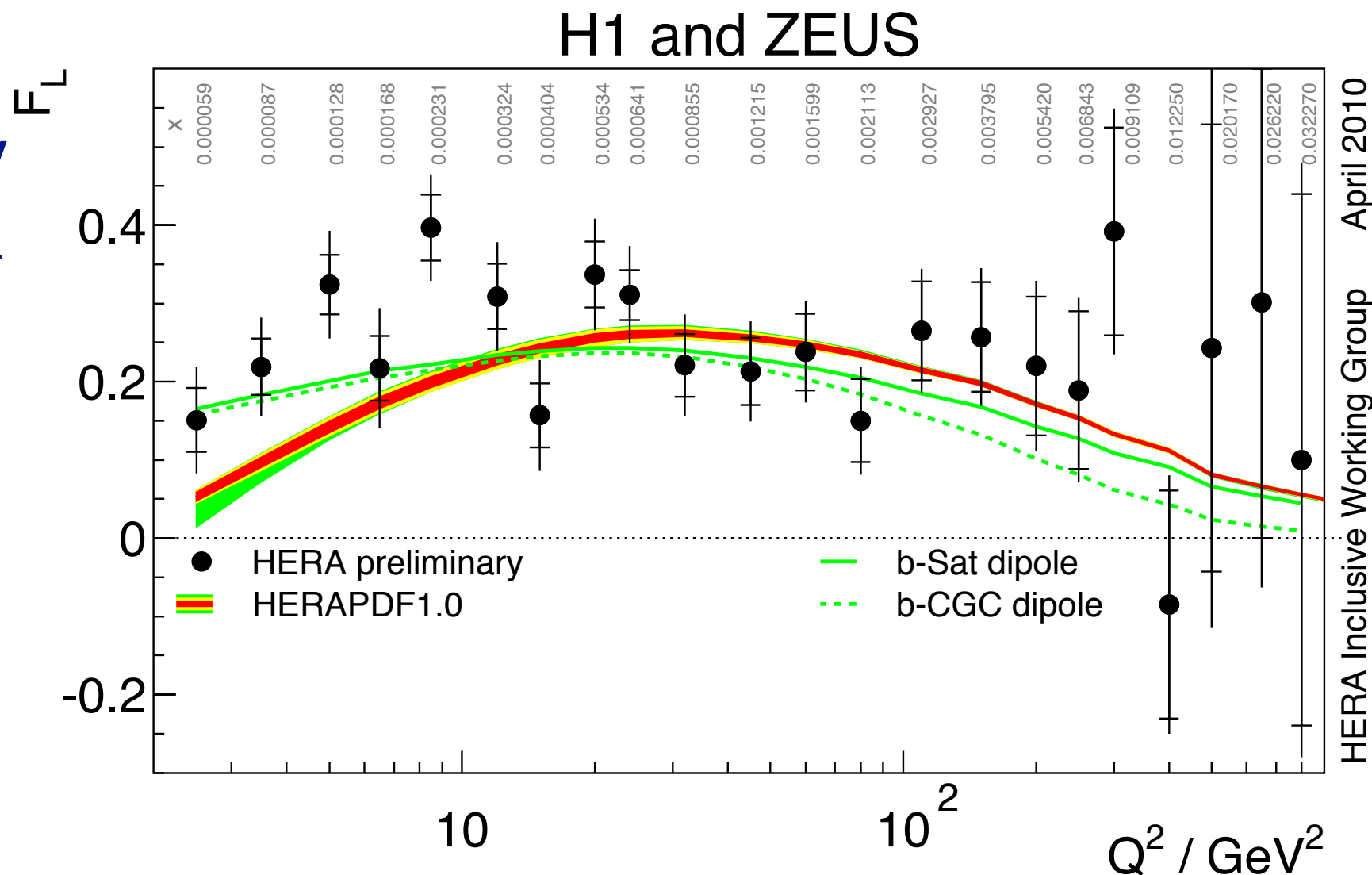
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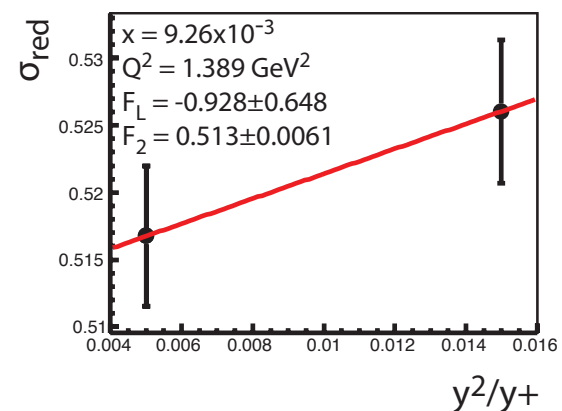
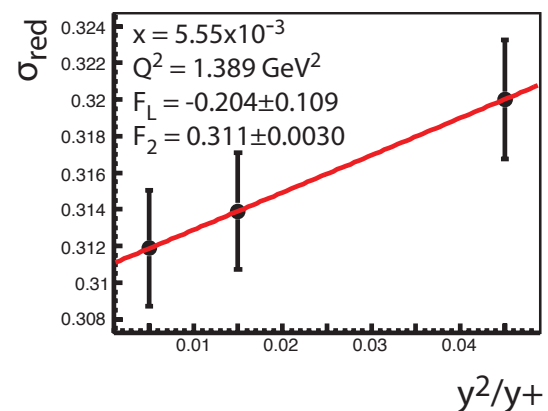
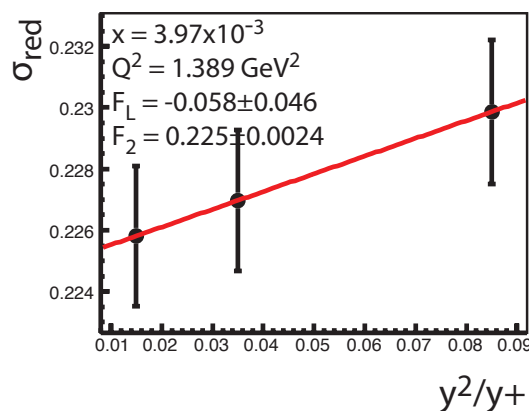
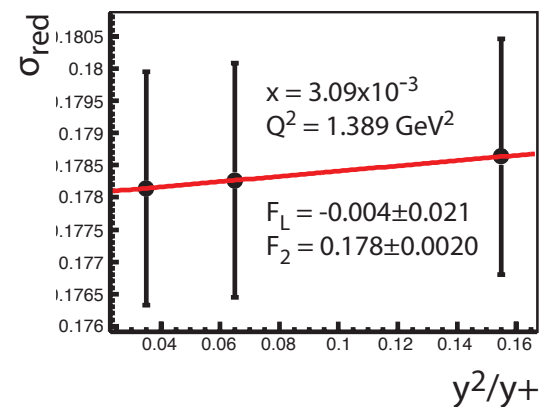
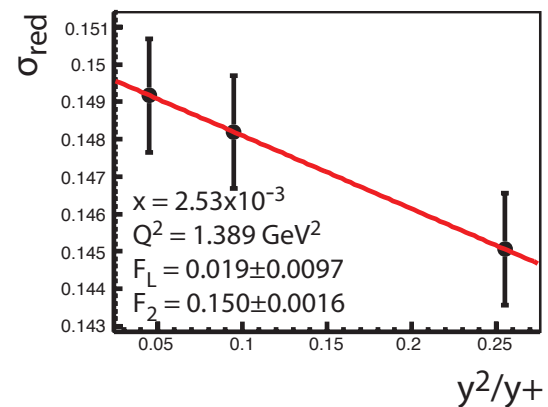
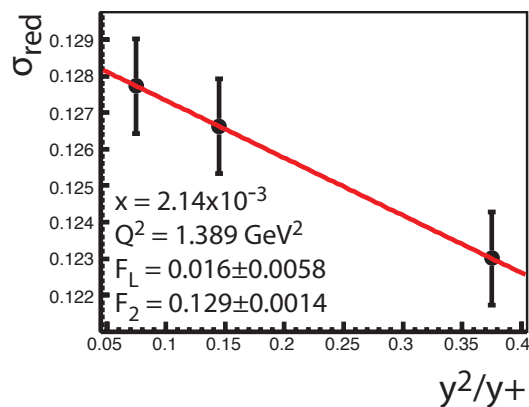
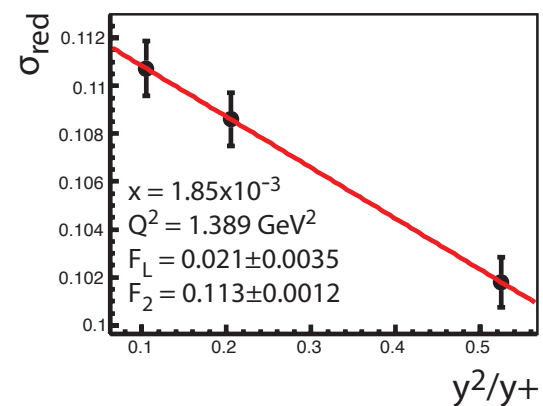
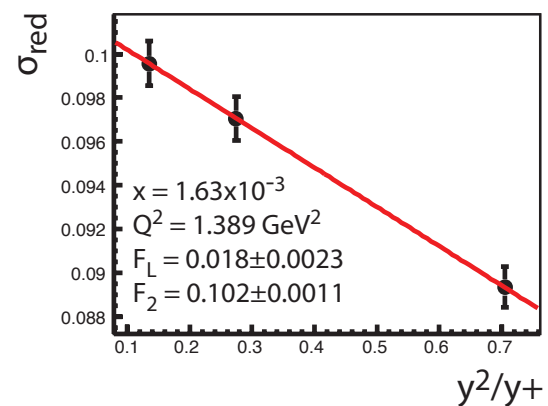
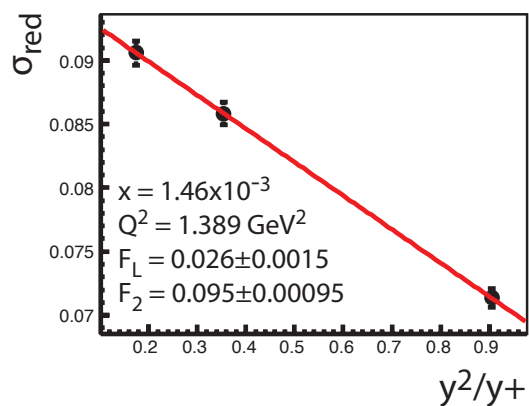
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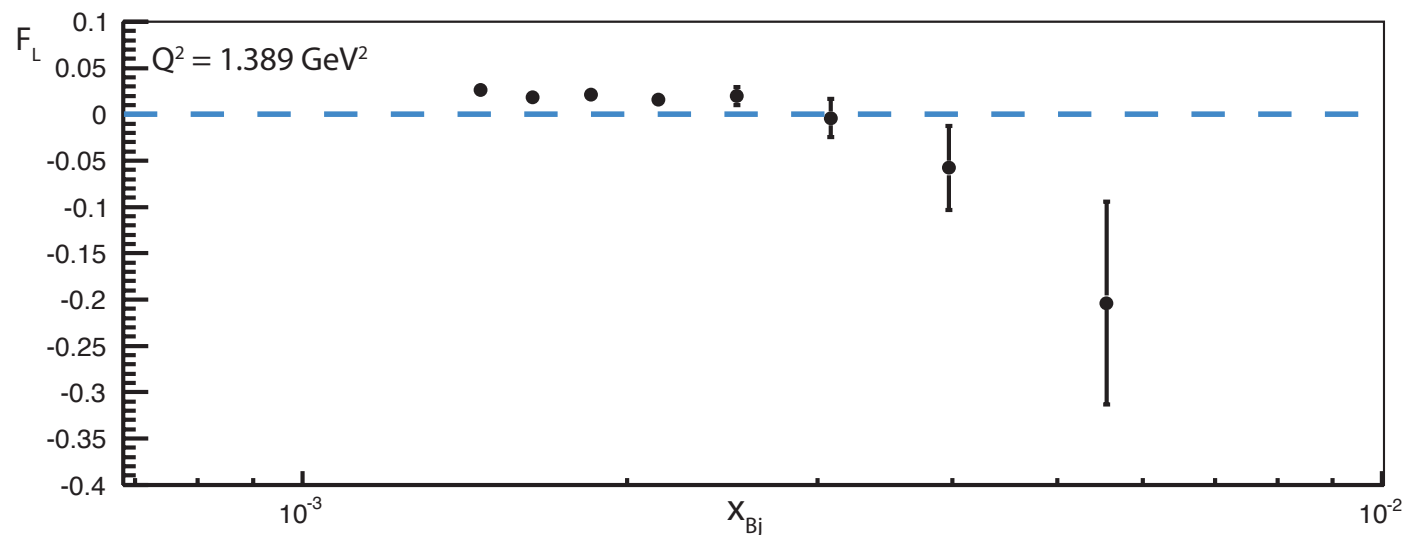
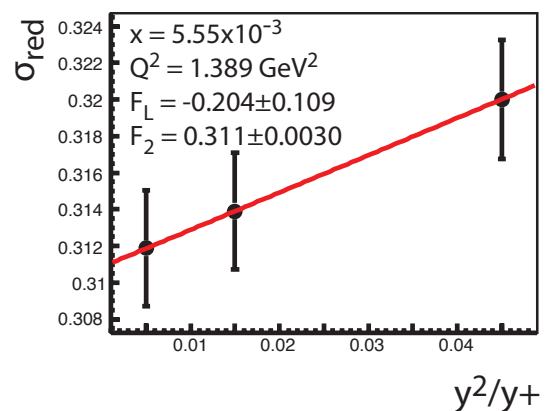
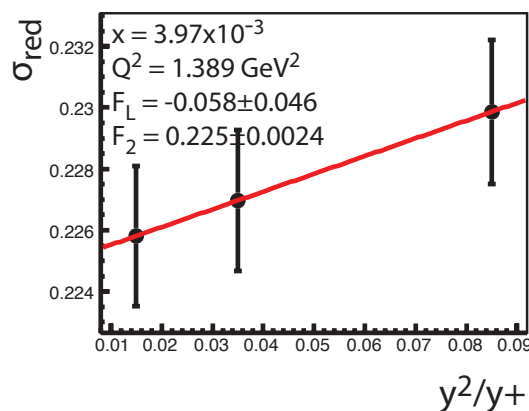
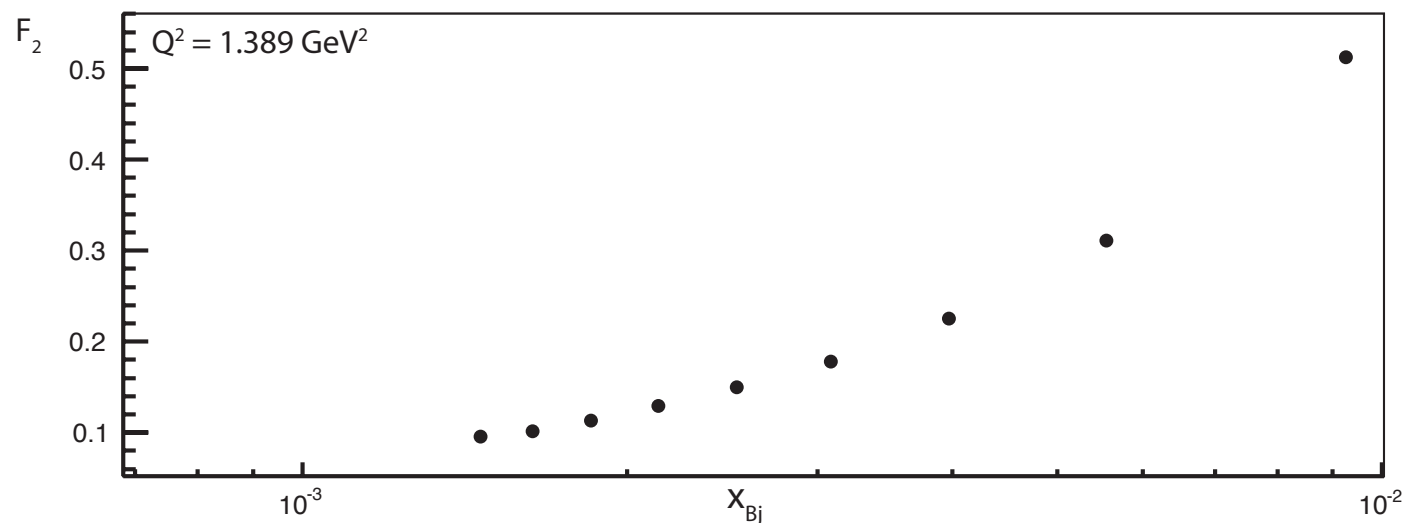
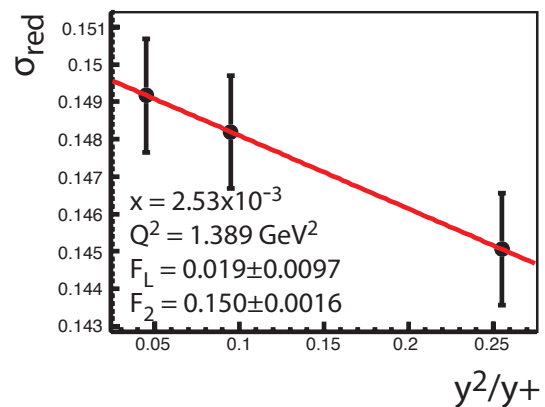
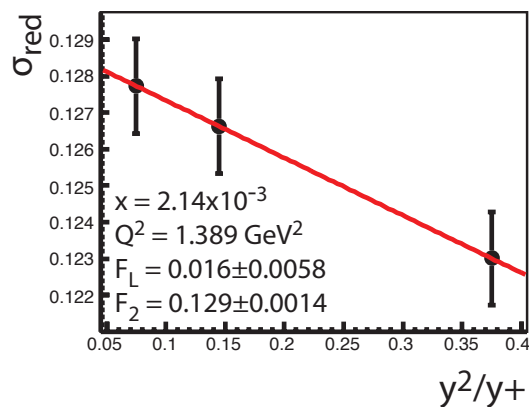
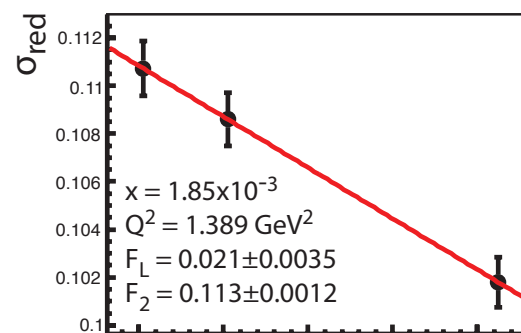
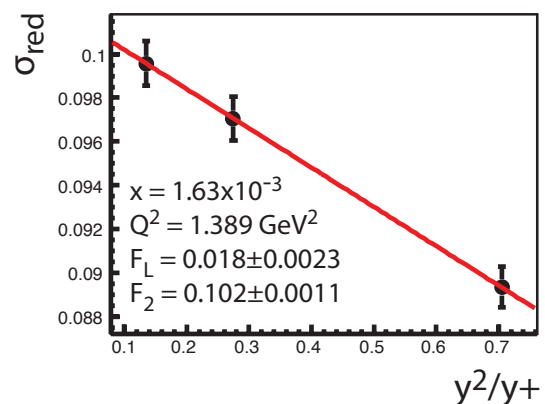
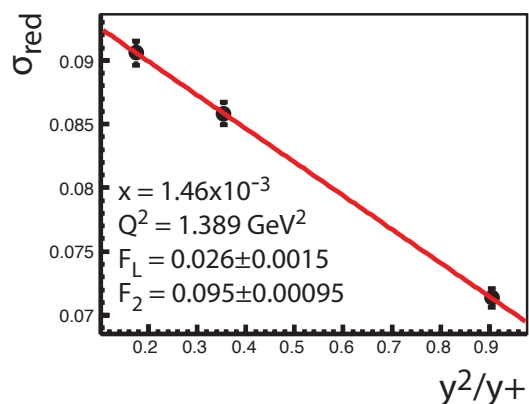


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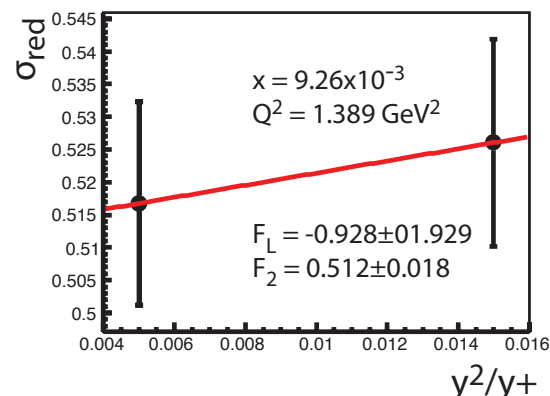
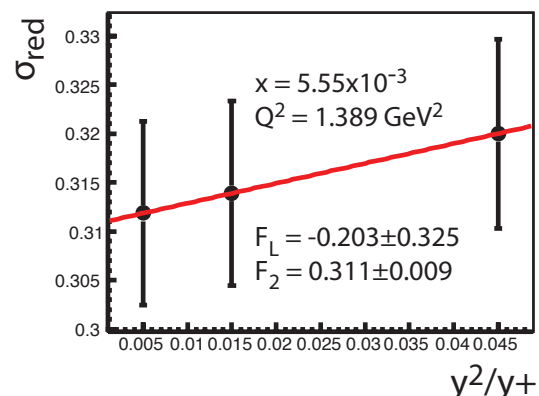
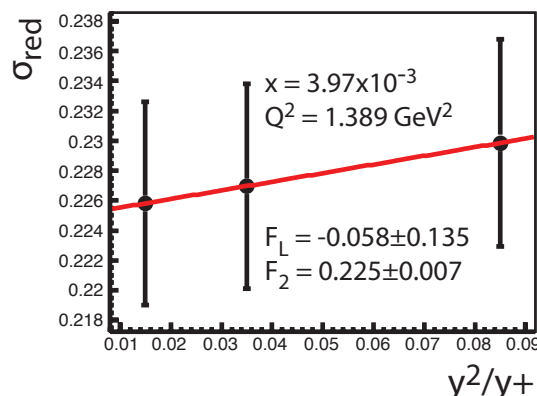
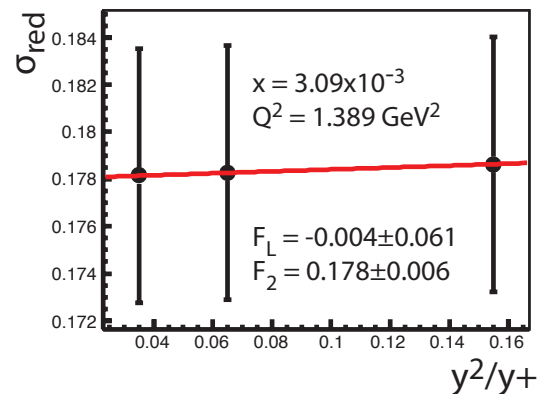
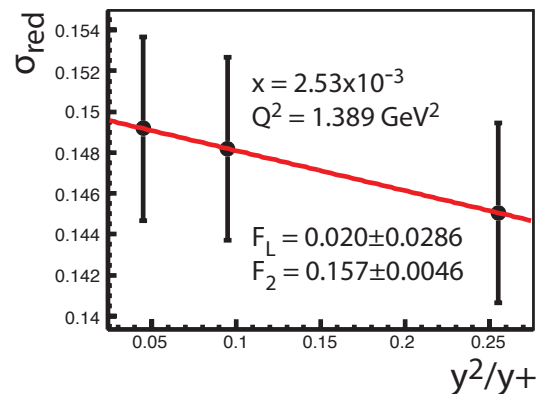
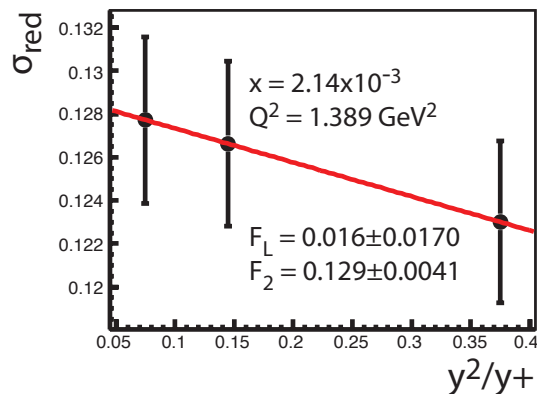
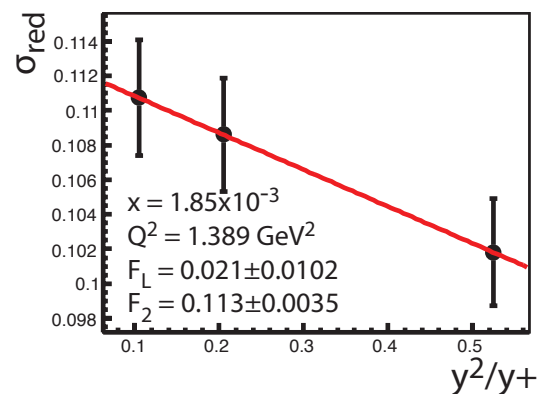
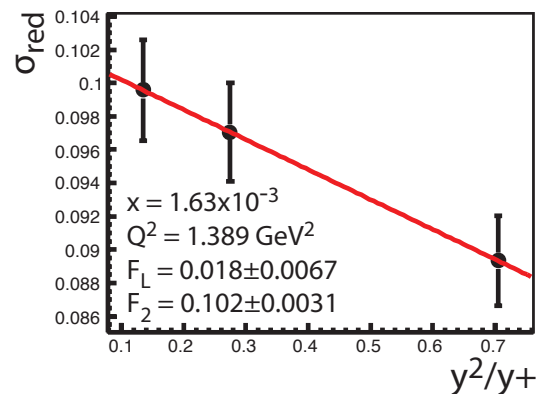
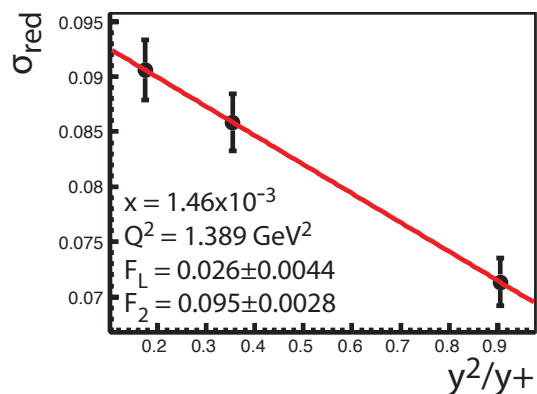


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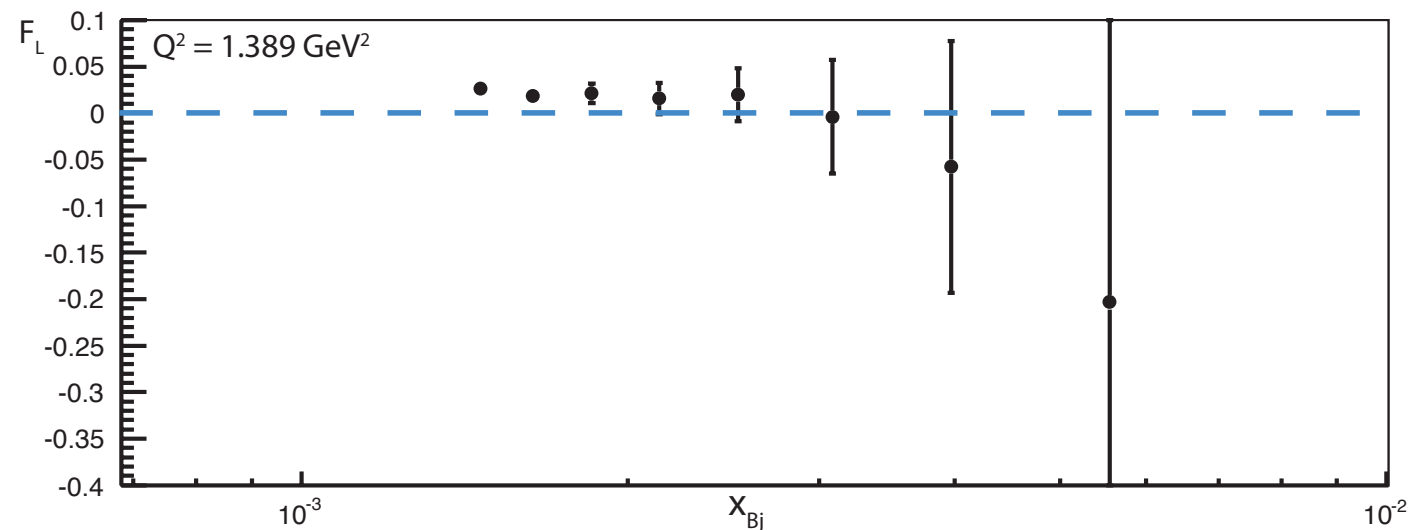
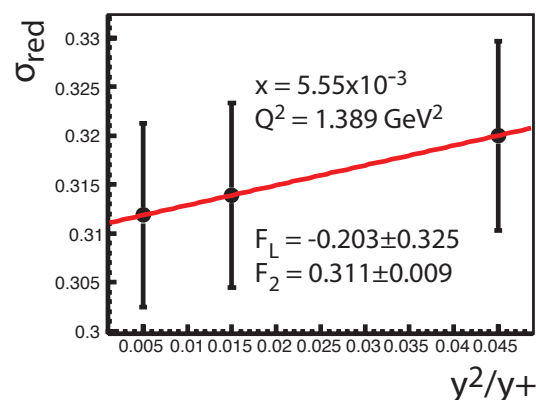
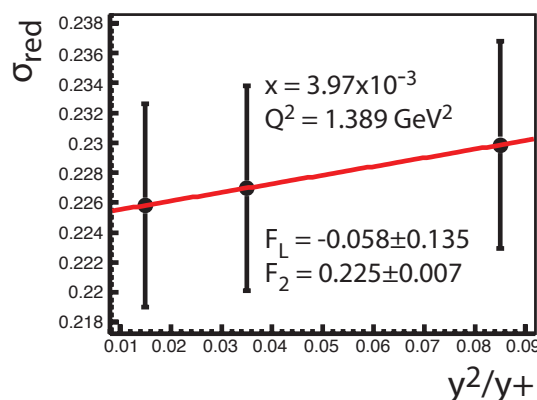
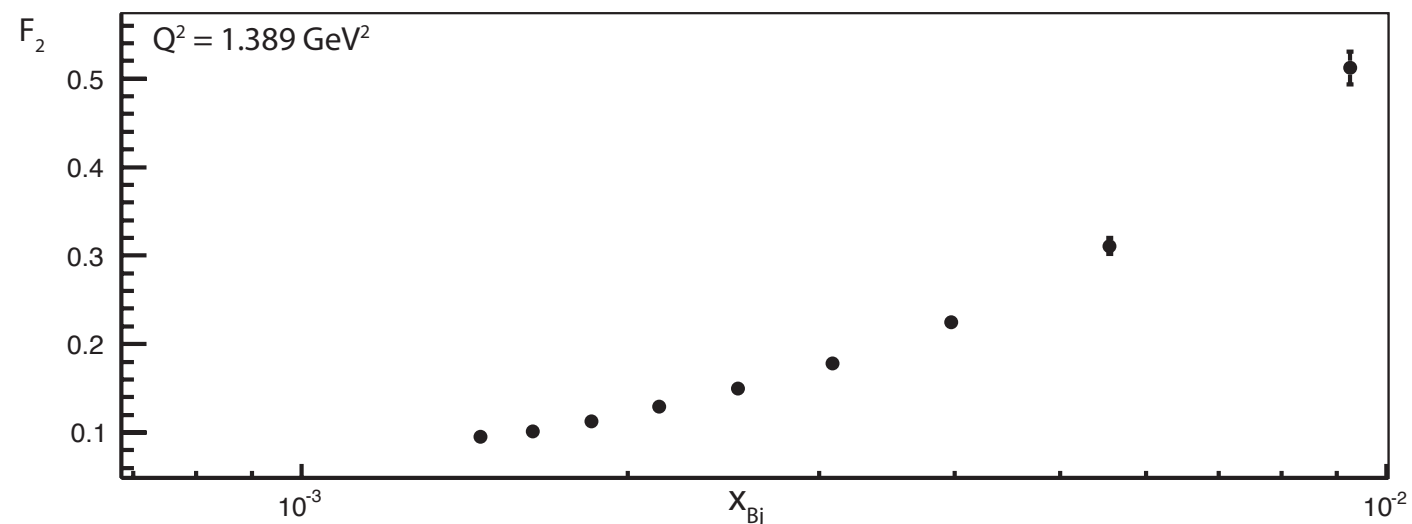
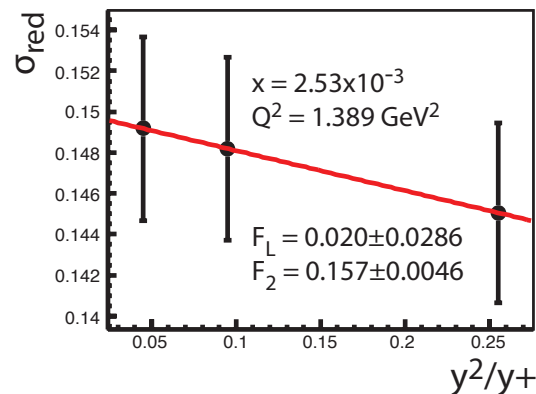
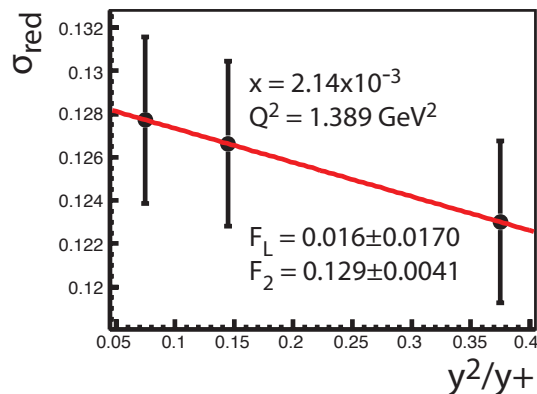
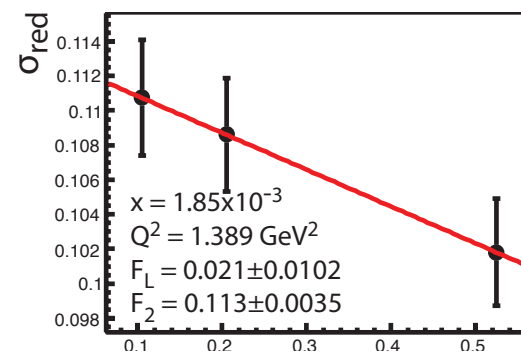
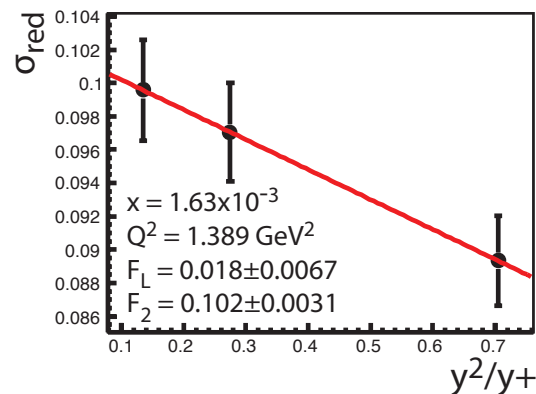
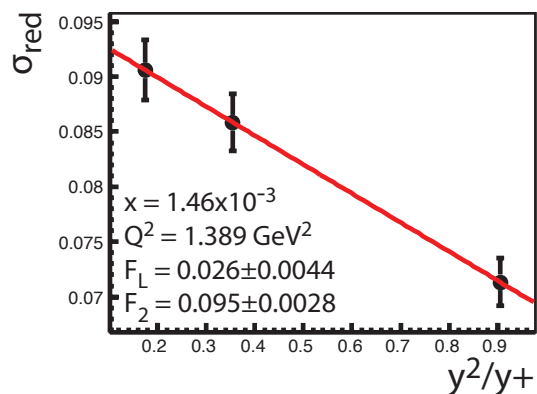
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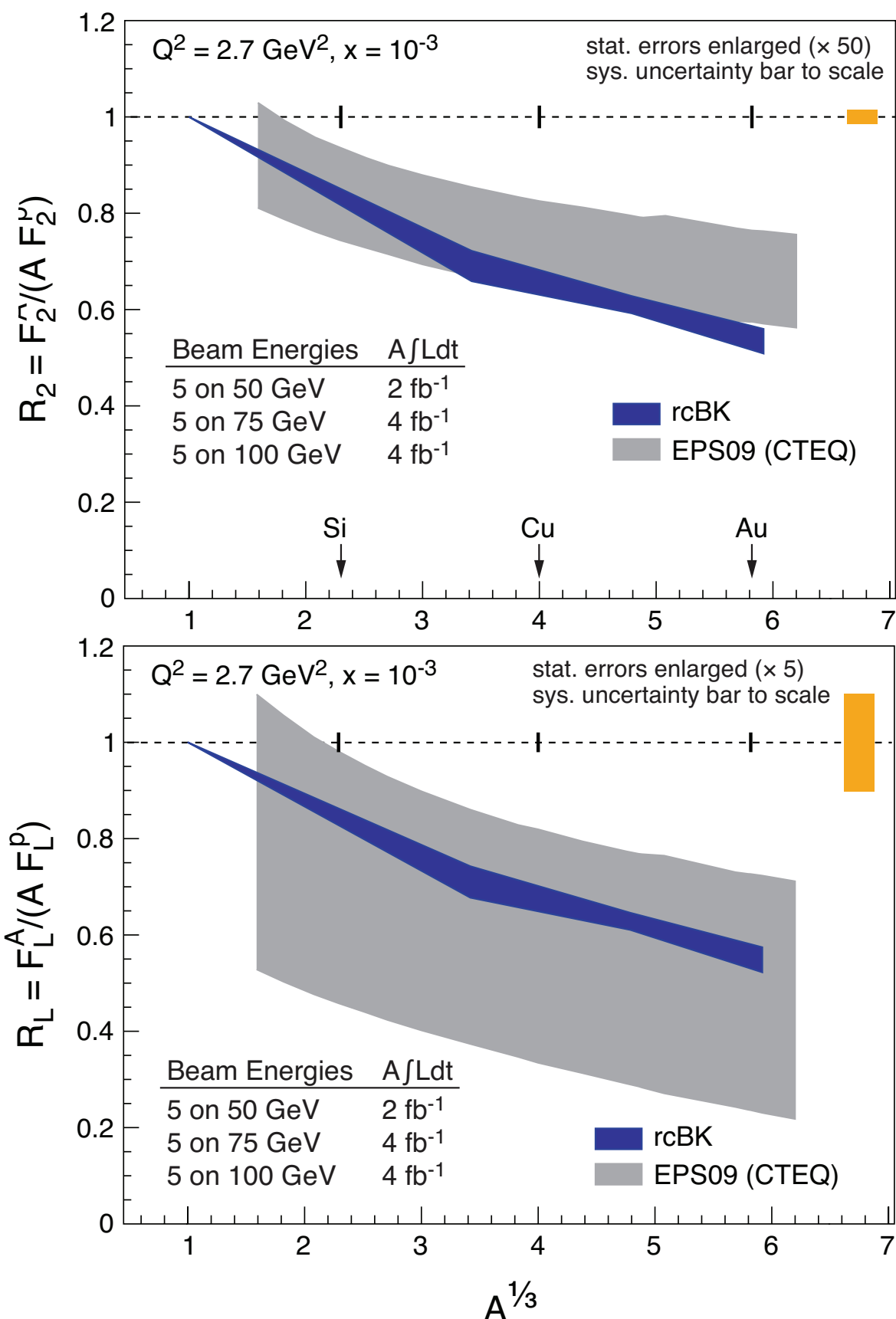
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~6 months total running

(50% eff)

statistical errors are swamped by the 1% systematic errors

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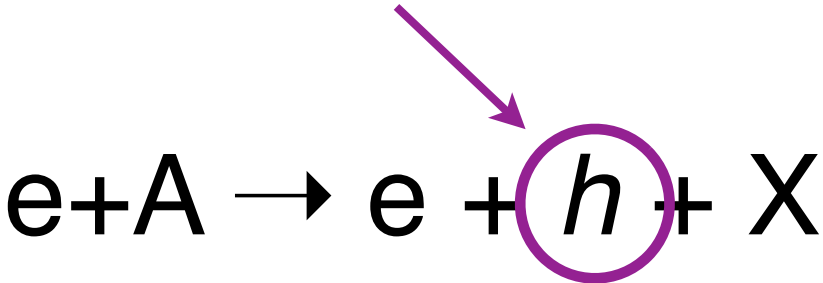




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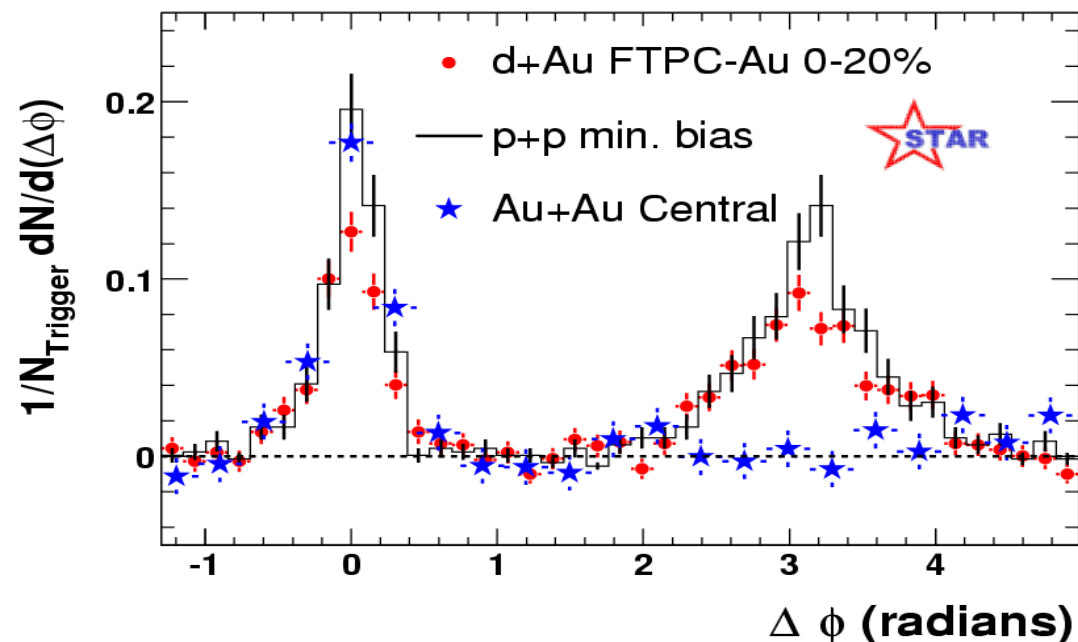
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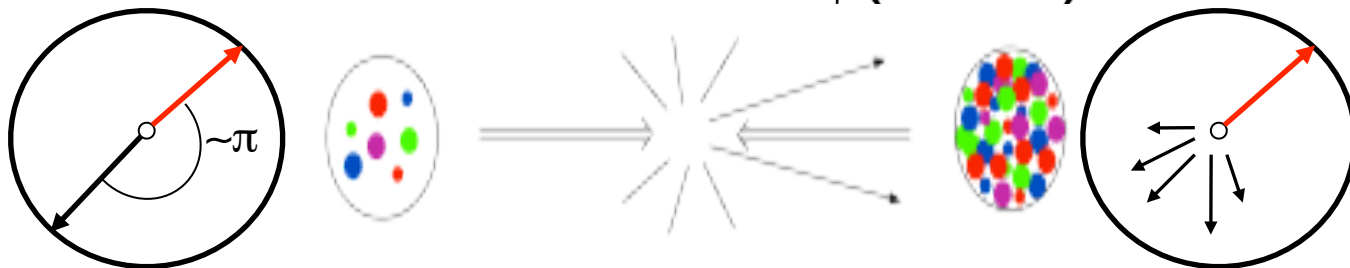
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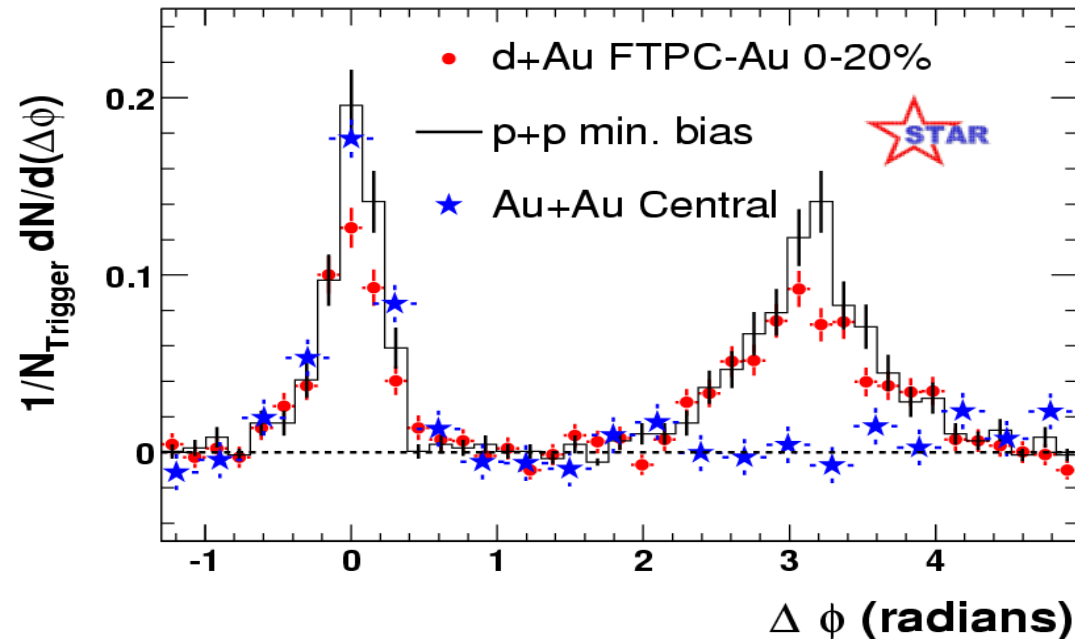
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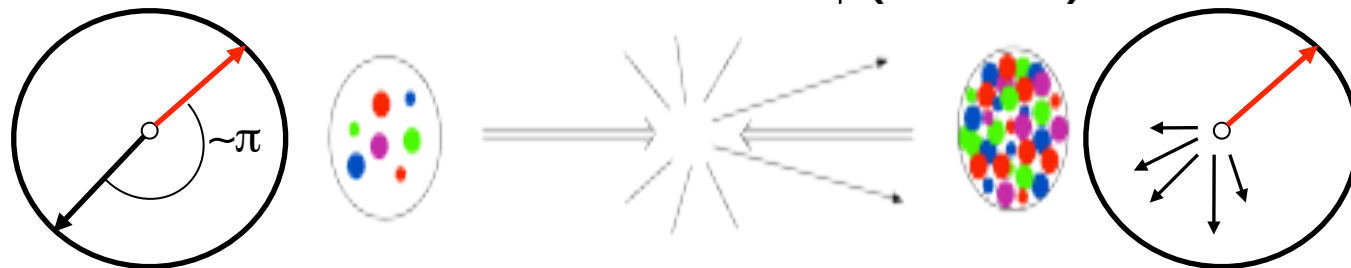
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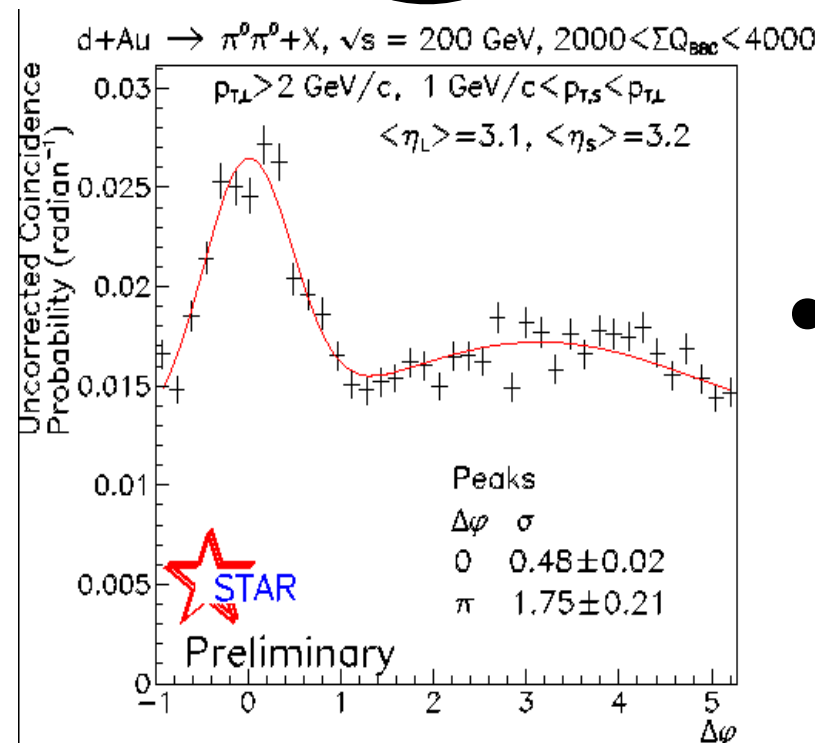
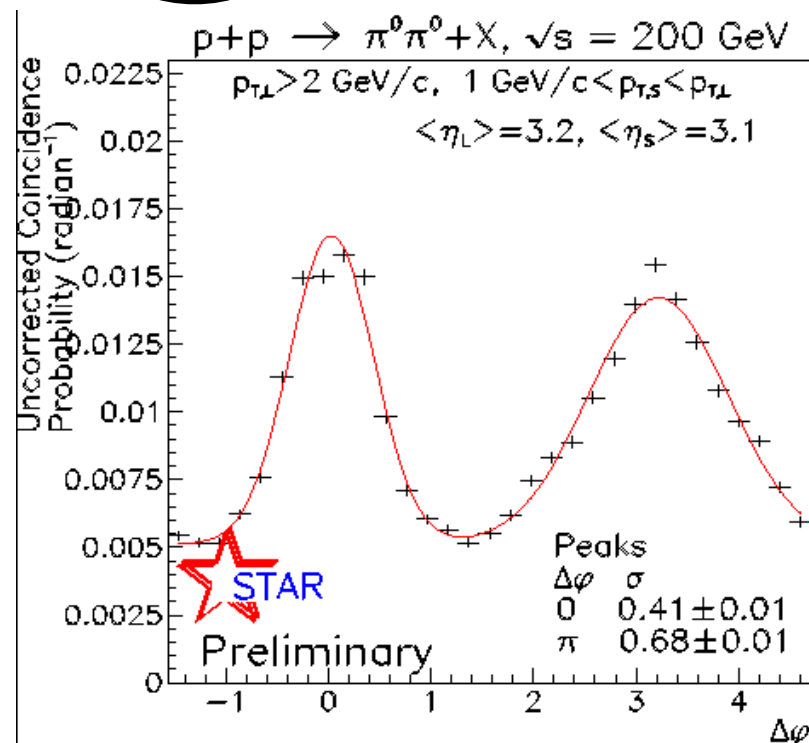
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- Away-side peak also much wider in d+Au compared to p+p



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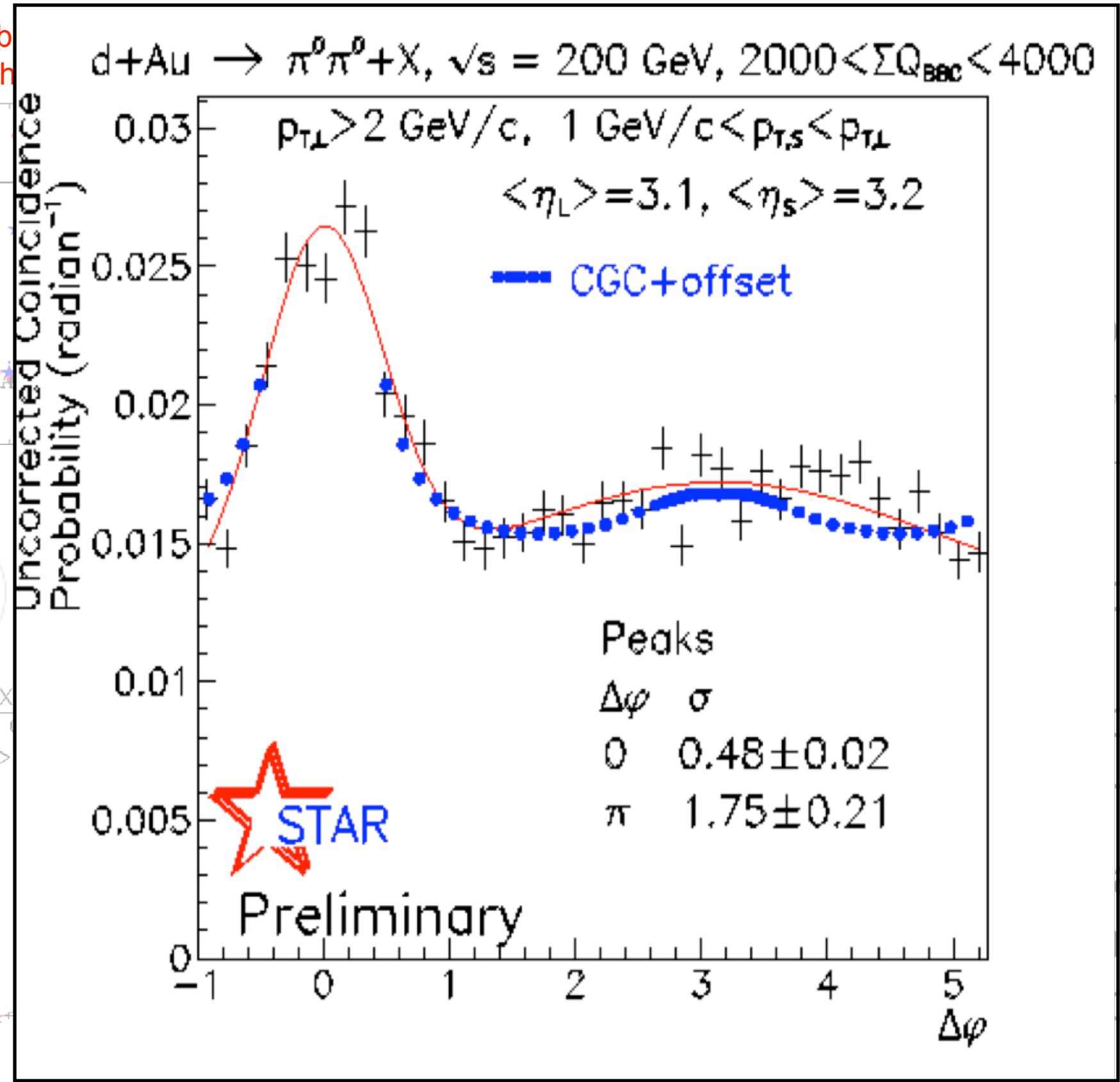
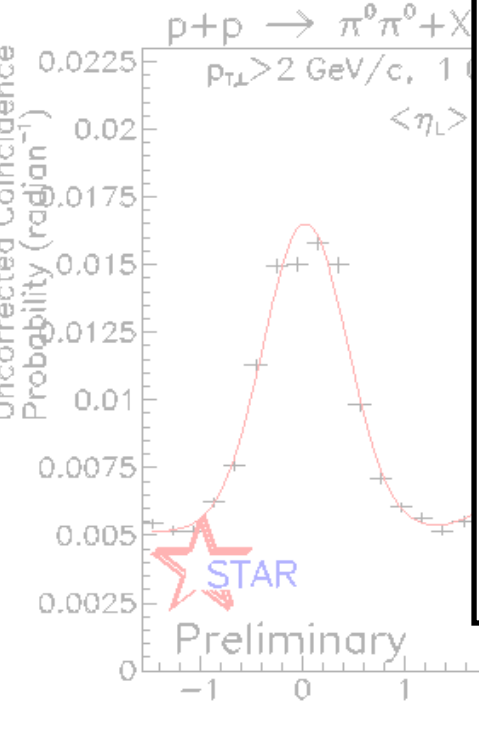
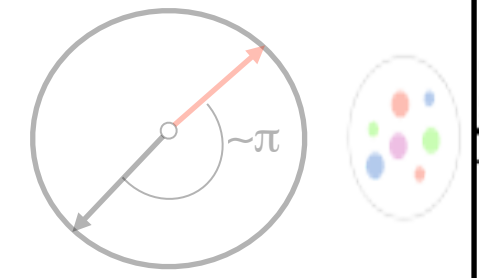
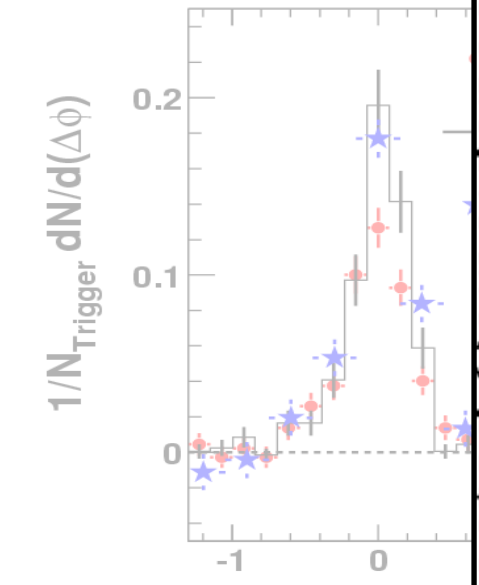
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comparisons b  
+Au  $\rightarrow$   $h_1 h_2$



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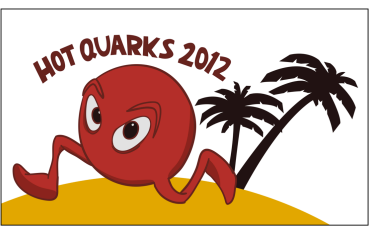
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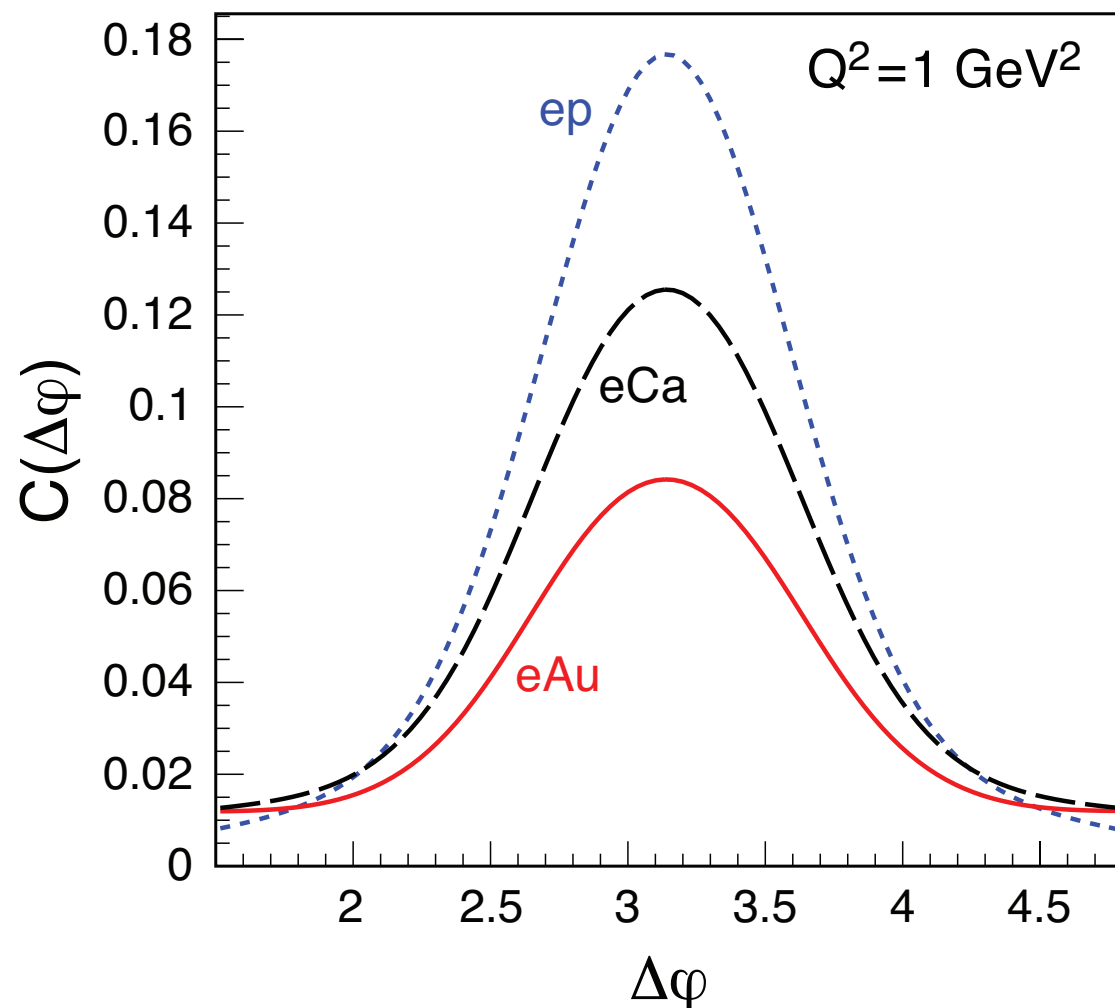
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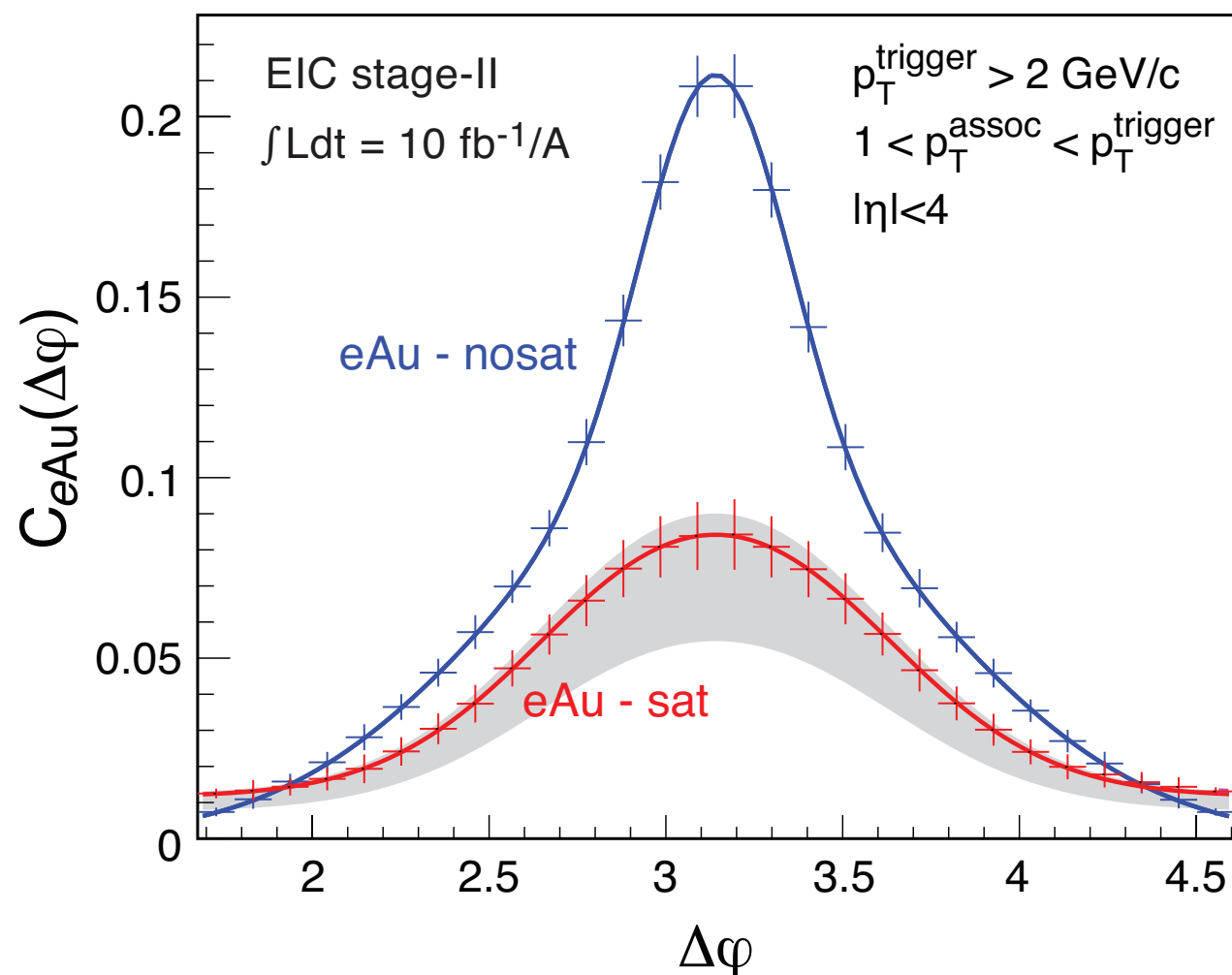
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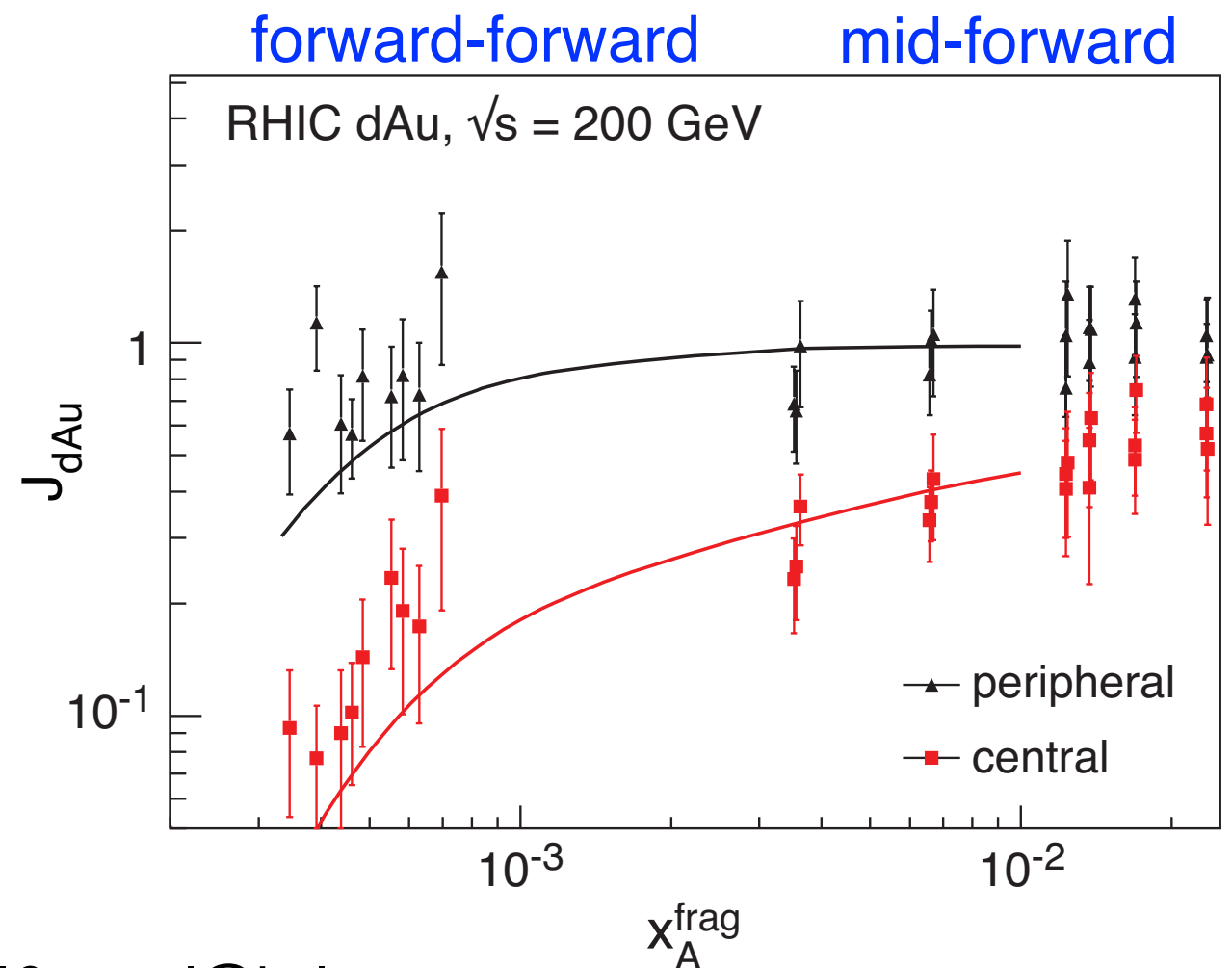
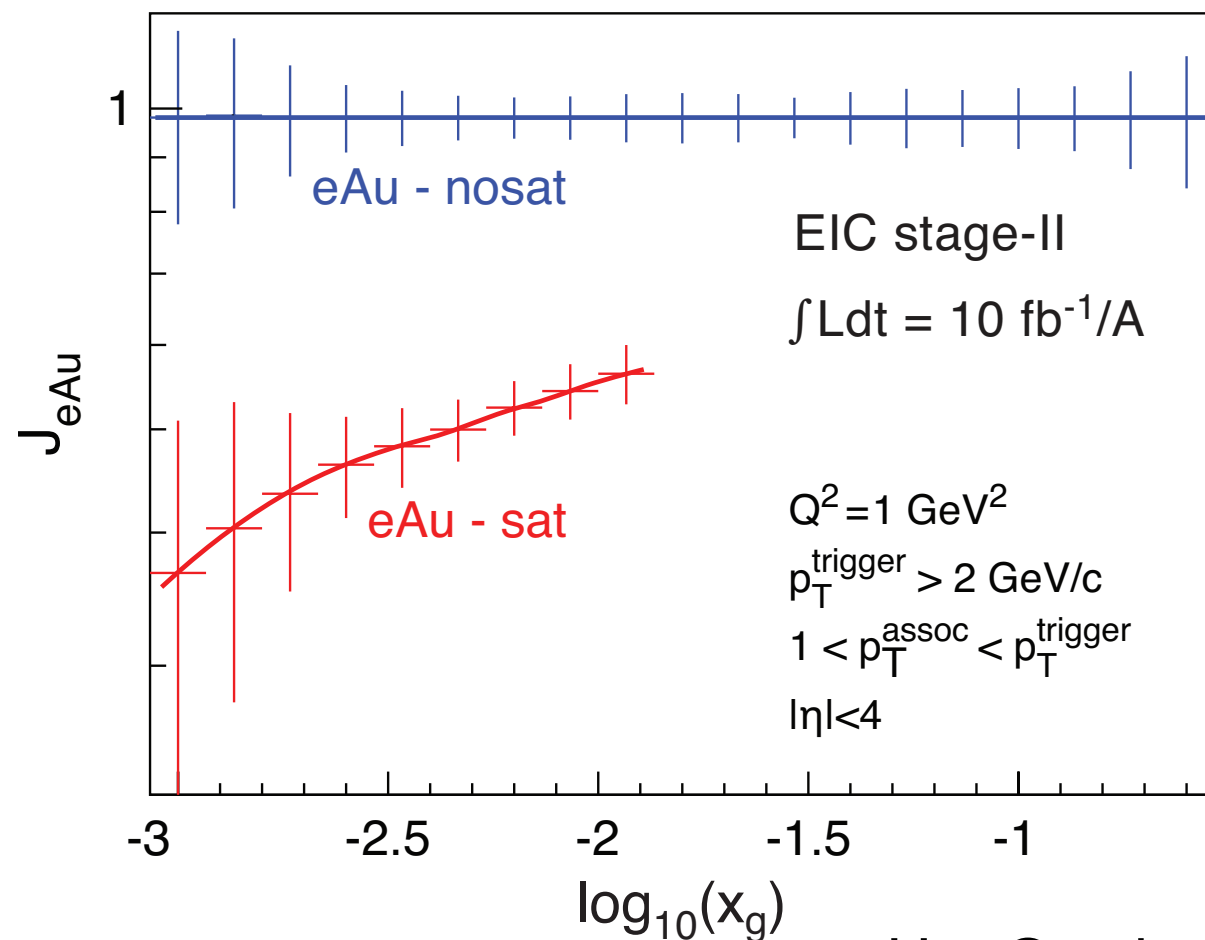
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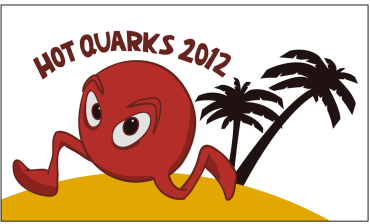
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# di-hadron Correlations - relative yields

- PHENIX measured  $J_{dAu}$  - relative yield of di-hadrons produced in d+Au compared to p+p collisions
- ➔ Suppression in central events compared to peripheral as a function of  $x_A^{\text{frag}}$ 
  - Curves come from saturation model
- Can perform the same measurement in e+A collisions





# Summary and Conclusions

- The **e+A physics programme** at an **EIC** will give us an unprecedented opportunity to study gluons in nuclei
- **Low-x**: Measure the properties of gluons where saturation is the dominant governing phenomena
- **Higher-x**: Understand how fast partons interact as they traverse nuclear matter and provide new insight into hadronization
- Understanding the role of gluons in nuclei is crucial to understanding RHIC (and LHC) heavy-ion results

Good headway can be made on these measurements already  
with a stage-I eRHIC ( $E_e = 5$  GeV)

- The INT programme in the Fall of 2010 allowed us to formulate the observables in terms of golden and silver measurements
  - ➡ A detailed write-up of the whole programme is on the ArXiv: 1108.1713
  - ➡ An EIC White Paper (not just e+A) has just been released to the community



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